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The campanile is captured at dusk after a summer storm. Photo by William B. Crawley Jr.

Judy's Day

Hample Inaugurated as UMW's First Female Leader

More than a thousand faculty, students, board members, dignitaries, lawmakers, and guests converged on the Fredericksburg campus April 3 as the University of Mary Washington celebrated the inauguration of Judy G. Hample as its eighth – and first female – president.

"How sweet it is for an outstanding institution of higher learning" to have a woman as president, said Virginia Sen. Edd Houck. "Today is a new day. Today is *Judy's* day."

Judy Hample, who came on board last July, certainly was in the spotlight. The inaugural program, held in Dodd Auditorium, was a festive occasion that included robed representatives from 62 other institutions, the UMW Faculty Brass Quintet, UMW's Una Voce Chamber Choir, the Eagle Pipe Band, and a parade of international students carrying flags of their native countries. Guest speakers were Sen. Houck as well as Virginia Secretary of Education Thomas R. Morris, Virginia Speaker of the House William J. Howell, and Fredericksburg Mayor Thomas Tomzak. Keynote speakers were Indiana University President Emeritus Adam W. Herbert and South Korea's Sungshin Women's University President Hwa Jin Shim.

Howell said he expects UMW to "sparkle under Judy Hample's leadership" and that he looks forward to the University reaching new heights with her at the helm. Morris called UMW one of the crown jewels of Virginia's universities and urged Hample to "seize the moment, Madame President. You have every reason for confidence. Godspeed!"

Herbert described his former colleague as an outstanding and uncommon leader and a creative visionary. "She will make you perform to the fullness of your hearts and minds," he said. President Shim, who delivered a carefully enunciated tribute in English to a hushed audience, spoke of a complex world that needs inspired and energetic leaders. "I know Judy Hample possesses these qualities," Shim said. Then she turned to Hample, saying "May your tenure be long, and may it be uplifting to this community."

UMW Professor of English Claudia Emerson, who holds the Arrington Distinguished Chair in Poetry, wrote a poem in honor of the occasion. The Virginia Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner recited *New Measure* as well as a fun poem she wrote in honor of Hample's Tennessee roots, including her days as an usher at the Grand Ole Opry. (Read *New Measure* in Closing Column, page 76.)

In her inaugural address, Hample told the audience that she was "deeply honored" to be the first female president of the only public university in America named for a woman. "I am pleased to commit myself to the values of the University of Mary Washington," she said, adding that the greatest

Photos by Robert A. Martin

In her inaugural speech, Judy Hample said, "My vision and dream is that this great University will become a premier national university."

Left: UMW's sixth president, William M. Anderson Jr., returned to campus to participate in the inauguration of the University's eighth president. He was seated next to Professor Claudia Emerson, who wrote a poem for the occasion. Right: James W. Haley Jr., judge of the Virginia Court of Appeals, administered the oath of office to Judy Hample.

Left: Faculty members, current and retired, processed into Dodd Auditorium along with representatives from more than 60 institutions. Right: Hwa Jin Shim, president of South Korea's Sungshin Women's University, gets her cap adjusted.

challenge and opportunity will be to nurture the institution – which she likened to a blossom – into a mature university. She asked the audience to preserve and build on the legacy of the past 100 years and to think about how "we" want to be remembered.

"My vision and dream is that this great University will become a premier national university noted – and remembered – for excellence in undergraduate liberal arts and sciences, undergraduate research, required study abroad, and leadership development," Hample said.

"Believing in this institution and our core values will be our task for the years ahead. In times of economic challenge, we will be called upon in unprecedented ways to sacrifice and do so without wavering on our principles." Hample recalled that the Brompton oak tree, under which Union soldiers once recuperated from their wounds, was a place of sacrifice – "sacrifice without wavering."

She recognized the contributions of William M. Anderson Jr. during his 23 years as president; he was seated on stage with other dignitaries and received thunderous applause from the audience. Anderson's "visionary leadership resulted in significant progress over two decades," Hample said, noting the founding of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford County under his leadership.

Hample said the University will continue to follow the five guiding principles that "embody the UMW spirit": quality; diversity and inclusion; collaboration; authenticity; and accountability. Regarding diversity, Hample said UMW must reflect the demographic realities and ideological viewpoints of the broader society.

"Our majority students need the insights and experiences that are derived from the opportunity to study, live, and learn with a population reflective of our overall society," she said. Hample cited the University's outstanding interdisciplinary academic programs and said she envisions more possibilities for integrated learning.

She called herself candid, straightforward, and transparent. "I have a passion for results," she said. "Perseverance is essential in achieving goals and objectives, but the hallmark of leadership is accepting individual responsibility for outcomes and results. I hold myself the most accountable and responsible of all."

Following the installation ceremony, a reception was held under a tent on the terrace of the newly renovated Lee Hall. Blustery winds did not detract the celebration, which included music from the UMW Flute Ensemble. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and guests mingled as they greeted the new president and ushered in a new era.

Dodd Auditorium was packed on the day of Judy Hample's inauguration.

New Look for Lee Hall

Campus Landmark Opens to Rave Reviews

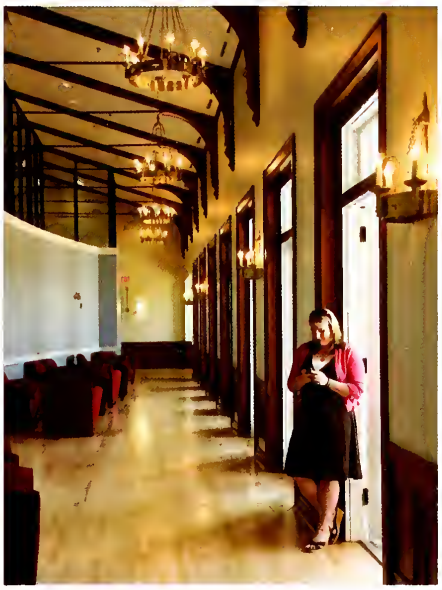
A ribbon-cutting ceremony in April marked the formal opening of the newly renovated Ann Carter Lee Hall, which now features convenient "one-stop shopping" for student services. The administration building has been a focal point of the Fredericksburg campus since the 1920s.

Board of Visitors members, President Judy Hample, faculty, staff, students, and guests gathered on the Lee Hall Terrace to celebrate the occasion with cake, popcorn, and punch.

Renovations to the building include a spacious new University Bookstore and a central stairway that enhances traffic flow. The new Student Services Center provides a convenient location for students to access many of the services they frequently need, including Academic Services, the Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and the cashier. In remarks before the ribbon cutting, Vice President for Enrollment and Communications Martin Wilder noted, "Student services is the heart and soul of Lee Hall."

During the renovation and expansion of the 80-year-old building, many services, including Admissions and the UMW Bookstore, were displaced and temporarily located in modular units on campus. They began moving back in to the renovated building in late March. Other offices are gradually being filled, and the building will be fully functional by the time students return in the fall.

Doug Buerlein



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Top: Scenes from the newly renovated Lee Hall.
Bottom: President Judy Hample (third from left) and members of the Board of Visitors make the Lee Hall re-opening official.

Yarrow Performs **for Earth's Sake**

Peter Yarrow of folk group Peter, Paul, and Mary fame performed a free concert to celebrate Earth Day in April at Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall. Sponsored by UMW's Ecology Club and the Sustainability Team, the concert attracted students, faculty, and members of the Fredericksburg community. Yarrow urged audience members to help him perform such perennial favorites as *Blowin' in the Wind* and *Puff, the Magic Dragon*, even bringing many onstage to join him.

Provost Picked to Raise UMW's Profile

Jay A. Harper, a 30-year veteran of higher education, has been named the new Provost of the University of Mary Washington. He began at UMW on July 1. Harper is former dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Rowan University in New Jersey.

Harper succeeds Nina Mikhalevsky, who has served as Acting Provost since 2007.

The duties of a university provost vary by institution. At UMW, Harper is the chief academic officer and reports directly to the president. He oversees all academic programs, curriculum, academic planning, academic budgets, teaching, research, and faculty matters on both campuses.

Harper works with deans and faculty to lead major University initiatives in teaching, research, and creative activities; he is responsible for all University educational and academic policies. He coordinates enrollment management and has oversight of academic technologies and library systems.

The following departments report directly to the provost:

- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Graduate and Professional Studies
- University Libraries
- Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies
- Enrollment and Student Services

In announcing Harper's appointment in April, President Judy G. Hample said, "Dr. Harper is a talented, experienced, and accomplished teacher, scholar, and administrator whose commitment to excellence will help raise the profile of the University of Mary Washington."

The Provost Search Committee was led by Craig Vasey, chair of the UMW Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, and included mostly faculty from across the University. With Harper's appointment, Vasey said, "UMW will take a real step forward."

At Rowan University, located in Glassboro, N.J., Harper began serving as dean and professor in 1999. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the largest college at Rowan, with 14 academic departments and six interdisciplinary majors. Rowan has an enrollment of more than 10,000 students.

Harper also has served in posts at Slippery Rock University; State University of New York (SUNY) College at Old Westbury; and SUNY at Stony Brook.

A New York native, Harper earned a B.S. with honors in psychology at City College, City University of New York, and a Ph.D. in psychobiology from State University of New York at Stony Brook. He was a Ford Foundation Fellow from 1975 through 1979 and a Fulbright Fellow to Japan in 1996. In 1986, Harper received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and in 1993 he was selected by *Black Opinion Magazine* for the Black Achievers Award.

Harper has published scholarly journal articles in the field of neuroscience utilizing electrophysiological and neuropharmacological techniques to examine brain functioning.

UMW Provost Jay A. Harper

UMW Names Vice President for Advancement and University Relations

Karen Pearlman

Salvatore M. "Torre" Meringolo

The Vice President for Development at St. Mary's College of Maryland has been named UMW's Vice President for Advancement and University Relations. Salvatore M. "Torre" Meringolo, who will begin Aug. 3, will be responsible for planning and directing philanthropic initiatives and alumni affairs for the University. In addition, he will oversee external relations and communications.

In announcing his appointment, President Judy G. Hample said she was pleased that "such an experienced and accomplished leader" as Meringolo will be joining UMW's staff. "I am certain that Torre Meringolo will build on the tradition of excellence at UMW and assist the University to advance to even greater heights."

At St. Mary's, Meringolo has served in his current position for 12 years. He manages all external relations at the college, including fundraising, alumni relations, media relations, arts outreach, publications, and events.

Under his leadership, the college successfully completed the largest fundraising initiative in its history. Meringolo was co-developer of the $65 million Maryland Heritage Project, a partnership between Historic St. Mary's City and St. Mary's College. He also developed a business/fundraising plan and implemented an annual community arts program that draws more than 40,000 visitors to the campus.

In addition, Meringolo serves as the executive director of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation and secretary to the College's Board of Trustees, for which he oversees board relations, management, and development. Under his direction, the foundation has generated more than $2 million in annual support for college programs.

Before he joined St. Mary's, Meringolo served as the associate dean of the University Libraries at the Pennsylvania State University. While at Penn State, he became involved in fundraising on behalf of the libraries' collections and programs. He previously held positions at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and Iona College.

Active in his community, Meringolo is a member of the board of directors of Southern Maryland Navy Alliance, a business organization that lobbies for federal and state support for the Patuxent River Naval Air Station. In addition, he served as vice president of the Patuxent Partnership, a community organization, and is a member of the St. Mary's County Economic Development Commission.

Meringolo holds a bachelor's degree in history from the State University of New York at New Paltz, a master's degree in library science from the State University of New York at Albany, and a master's degree in business administration from Iona College, Hagan School of Business.

Jeff Rountree, who has served as Vice President for Advancement since 1999, was appointed in October 2007 as CEO for the UMW Foundation and president of Eagle Property Holdings LLC. Upon Meringolo's arrival, Rountree will take on his Foundation duties full time.

Celebrating **Many Cultures**

Sunny April skies provided a perfect setting to enjoy the 18th Annual Multicultural Fair on Ball Circle. The event featured a full day of multicultural entertainment, children's activities, international and American food, and ethnic craft vendors. The fair generally attracts as many as 4,000 people each year and exemplifies UMW's commitment to enhancing multicultural awareness. Multicultural Student Affairs and the James Farmer Multicultural Center work closely with UMW student organizations, faculty, and staff in planning festivities. The University also partners with the greater Fredericksburg community, which plays an integral role in successfully implementing the fair.

Southern Writer Emerson Honored as Virginia Woman in History

The Library of Virginia has named Claudia Emerson one of eight recipients of the 2009 Virginia Women in History award. The award honors women, past and present, who have made important contributions to Virginia, the nation, and the world.

Emerson, professor of English and Arrington Distinguished Chair in Poetry at UMW, is serving a two-year term as Virginia's Poet Laureate. In 2006, she won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. She also recently received the Donald Justice Award for Poetry from the Fellowship of Southern Writers.

Founded in 1987 by Eudora Welty, Shelby Foote, Cleanth Brooks, and other literary figures, the Fellowship of Southern Writers is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to recognize and encourage literature in the South through commemorating outstanding literary achievement and encouraging young writers through awards, prizes, and fellowships.

The poem that Emerson wrote for President Judy G. Hample's inauguration appears in Closing Column, page 76.

New Vice President for Student Affairs to Begin in August

Douglas N. Searcy, dean of student affairs at Wingate University and a 17-year veteran in the field of university student and residence life, will assume in August the position of UMW's Vice President for Student Affairs.

Searcy will oversee all student activities, residential life, health and counseling services, and athletics. He also will administer the University's student-run honor system.

"I look forward to joining the UMW team and working with my colleagues in Student Affairs and faculty and staff across campus to enhance and support the student experience," Searcy said.

For the past five years, Searcy has been the chief student affairs officer at Wingate, a North Carolina university with an enrollment of more than 2,000 students. He has served on the university president's cabinet and leadership team. Searcy led the division in the development of a four-year plan for student affairs and taught a senior year transition course.

Before that, Searcy served as director of residence life at Elon University, where he coordinated a residential program of 2,700 students and 45 facilities. He also held the positions of assistant dean of students and director of residence life at Gardner-Webb University, area coordinator and assistant to the director of housing at Appalachian State University, and residence life coordinator at the University of South Carolina.

Searcy succeeds Cedric Rucker, UMW's Dean of Student Life who has served as interim vice president of Student Affairs since the retirement in January of Bernard M. Chirico.

At Wingate, Searcy served as state director of Region Three of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. He was honored as New Professional of the Year in 1996 by the North Carolina Housing Officers, where he also served as president in 2001. In addition, he has served on a number of committees with the Southern Association of College Student Affairs. An accomplished writer, Searcy co-authored a paper on freshman seminars and courses for undecided students and has presented numerous lectures on student engagement, community leadership, and housing.

Douglas N. Searcy

He holds a bachelor's degree in communications, public relations, and English from Mars Hill College, and a master's degree in education from the University of South Carolina. Searcy is completing a doctor of philosophy degree in administration and instruction from the University of Nebraska.

He and his wife, Beth, have two children – Carter, 10, and Caroline, 7.

Dunston is **New Registrar**

Rita F. Dunston

UMW has named a new registrar with more than 15 years of experience in higher education. Rita F. Dunston, who most recently served as registrar for Germanna Community College, began overseeing UMW's Office of the Registrar on June 1. She has responsibility for registration, student records, transfer credit evaluation, and certifying degree completion.

Dunston succeeds Judy L. Ginter, who took a position in March as the registrar at Armstrong Atlantic University in Savannah, Ga.

At Germanna, Dunston coordinated the Admissions and Records Office operations, managed the student information system, and helped develop and implement academic policies. In 2003, she took on the additional position of student development instructor, advising new students on effective study habits and career and academic planning.

Before that, Dunston served as program information coordinator for George Mason University Graduate School of Education. She also was assistant director of admissions at Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, N.C., and a career counselor with the federally funded outreach program TRIO in Norfolk, Va.

She earned a bachelor's degree in management from Norfolk State University and a master's degree in human services from Old Dominion University. She is a member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and the Virginia Community College System Admissions and Records Peer Group. A Chamber of Commerce Leadership Fredericksburg Fellow in 2008, Dunston is a member of the group's alumni and advisory boards.

She and her husband, Bryant, have a 15-year-old daughter.

Official **Recognition**

Karen Pearlman

President Judy G. Hample received a proclamation from Fredericksburg Mayor Thomas J. Tomzak at City Council chambers in April. The proclamation, which recognized her inauguration as UMW's eighth president, was one of several that Hample received from local governments.

T. Logan Metesh

Students Challenged to Chomp Cheerios – **Chop-Chop!**

As part of its April emphasis on good nutrition, UMW Dining Services and General Mills hosted a "Cheerios Challenge" in Seacobeck Hall's Washington Diner. The event highlighted the importance of cereals and grains in the diet. Contestants were challenged to see who could most quickly eat a bowl of Cheerios with milk, and many students were happy to oblige. Executive Chef Fred German and Dining Hall Manager Richard Gustard added to the fun by pitting themselves against the students. "Jock Jam" music filled the room, and students cheered as the contestants ate their Cheerios at a frenetic pace. The winner was German, but not far behind him was first-place student champion, **Garrett Bethmann '11**, who won an iPod. The cereal maker donated the iPod and other prizes, including T-shirts, pajama pants, tote bags, and computer games.

UMW Gets Full Effect of Half Marathon

Not only is UMW a sponsor of the Marine Corps Historic Half marathon, which was held for the second year in May, the campus offers a water stop for the runners - all 5,000 of whom were drenched by rain this year.

Eagle Village Is Under Way

Dirt has been flying at the construction site for Eagle Village Phase I, in the former Park & Shop shopping center on U.S. 1 across from the Fredericksburg campus. Buildings have been bulldozed, and masons have begun work on the foundation of a student housing building. Plumbers and electricians are placing under-slab conduit and piping, and construction has begun on the staircases and elevator shafts for both wings of the student housing.

When complete, the Eagle Village complex will include premium apartment-style student residences; a parking deck; a pedestrian bridge spanning U.S. 1; and upscale retail, restaurant, and office space.

Both the former Rose's store and Einstein Bros. Bagels building have been torn down. Hair Cuttery, Mailhouse Plus, and Lee's Cleaners planned to relocate to another section of Eagle Village so demolition could begin in order to make room for an access road and future parking.

"We are pleased to see that everything is proceeding on schedule," said Jeff W. Rountree '91, CEO for the UMW Foundation and president of Eagle Property Holdings LLC. "We know students and parents are looking forward to having Eagle Village ready and open for the beginning of the 2010-11 academic year."

To see photos and learn more about Eagle Village, visit umw.edu/foundation/eaglevillage.

Architectural rendering of the pedestrian bridge over U.S. 1 that will connect Eagle Village to the UMW Fredericksburg Campus.

Academic Departments Celebrate Milestones

The Department of Geography marked its 50th anniversary with a banquet on April 18. Alumni from each decade back to the 1970s shared stories and laughs, caught up with one another, and made new connections.

In celebration of its 30 years of interdisciplinary adventure, the Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion will hold a dinner-dance gala on Oct. 2 in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room of Seacobeck Hall. Elizabeth A. Clark, the first chair of CPR, will offer after-dinner reflections. Faithful CPRians Bob Boughner, Diane Hatch, Debra Nails, George M. Van Sant, and Janet Wishner are expected to return, with graduates past and students-and-faculty present. Brief remarks will give way to dancing with live music by the Pete Fields Jazz Quartet. For more information, contact Cindy Toomey, 540/654-1023, ctoomey@umw.edu, by Sept. 14, 2009.

UMW Alumnus Shin Fujiyama
Honored as a CNN Hero

Shin Fujiyama '07, who founded the nonprofit group Students Helping Honduras on the campus of UMW and has helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in aid, was recognized as a CNN Hero in May.

To see the special report on Fujiyama that aired, as well as a taped interview with Larry King, go to www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cnn.heroes/archive09/shin.fujiyama.html.

Each year, CNN honors "unheralded people driven to exceptional achievement" throughout the world. Now in its third year, the initiative already had received more than 3,000 submissions for prospective heroes when Fujiyama was selected. He was the first 2009 recipient in the category of Young Wonder: Outstanding achievement by a person 25 or under. *CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute* will air at the end of this year and will honor the top 10 CNN Heroes and the Hero of the Year. The public may vote for the top honor beginning in the fall at CNN.com/Heroes.

"Everything started at Mary Washington," Fujiyama said. "I'm just one piece of the puzzle. We've moved mountains, one shovel at a time." CNN titled its story about Fujiyama "Fighting Poverty One Campus at a Time."

From its founding in 2005, Students Helping Honduras has spread from UMW to 25 other colleges and universities across the country. Thousands of volunteers have raised more than $750,000 to provide economic and educational support to underserved people in Honduras. Recently, SHH raised $95,000 toward a goal of $110,000 to build the new village of Villa Soleada. Of that amount, the UMW chapter raised more than $25,000 to build a library in the village.

Shin Fujiyama '07, shown here with friends in Honduras, said, "Everything started at Mary Washington."

Debate Duo
Is Double Trouble

The team of **Kevin Kallmyer '10** (left) and **Matt Struth '09** won the American Debate Association National Tournament as well as the U.S. Naval Academy Tournament. They were ranked in the "sweet 16" prior to the National Debate Tournament and ultimately advanced to the elite eight at that tournament – the oldest and most prestigious in the United States – where they lost to the University of Kansas, the eventual national champion, in the quarterfinals.

Stafford Campus **Marks First Decade**

A decade ago, a stretch of forest and pastureland north of Fredericksburg sprouted a triangular building with a contemporary look. The brick-and-glass structure at Mary Washington's new campus in Stafford County welcomed its first students in 1999, drawing about 40 adults to a handful of evening classes.

Fast-forward 10 years. The campus on U.S. 17 now boasts two academic buildings. About 1,160 adults are enrolled in degree, certificate, and other for-credit programs. Nearly 30 full-time professors teach in five degree programs. Students choose from about 20 areas of concentrated study and 10 certificate programs.

"What a difference a decade makes," retired State Sen. John H. Chichester told Class of 2009 graduates during an awards program in May.

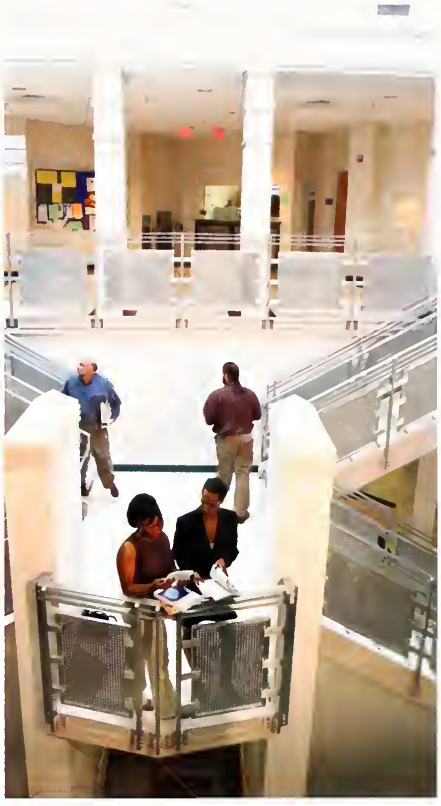
Known as a champion of Virginia higher education, Chichester recalled the ribbon-cutting ceremony held 10 years earlier to celebrate the opening of the then-new Stafford campus. The longtime state lawmaker from Stafford saluted the University, its faculty, and its administrators for providing the region's adults with much-needed higher education opportunities.

Chichester saved some of his highest praise for the nontraditional students who predominate at the Stafford campus, saying he admired their diligence in balancing work and personal obligations to advance themselves and support their families. "My hat goes off to you," he told this year's graduates.

So far, nearly 1,400 adults have received master's and bachelor's degrees after completing requirements on the Stafford campus. Graduates have gone on to professional success, many of them as schoolteachers and administrators or as business managers throughout the greater Fredericksburg area.

The campus, now called the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, has evolved on many fronts. In fulfilling its mission of supporting local organizations and adult learners, the college has regularly updated its offerings to meet changing needs. As home to the UMW Center for Professional Development and the region's Small Business Development Center, the campus also draws hundreds of professionals and entrepreneurs each month to training and conferences.

"You made this happen – each of you," said Meta R. Braymer, dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, speaking to faculty and staff



gathered recently to mark the Stafford campus' first decade.

"We have faced more changes in these 10 years than any of us would have imagined. But what hasn't changed is your commitment to the students who walk through these doors," Braymer said. "Whether you are teaching or advising or greeting or recruiting or registering a student, it all matters.

"I applaud you and your positive spirit," she said. "What an incredible difference you've made."

The Stafford campus, which opened in 1999 with one building (left and above) and about 40 students, now has two buildings and has turned out nearly 1,400 graduates in its 10 years.

New UMW Degree Expands Graduates' Career Options

In May, James A. Crockett was among the first five students to receive UMW's newest graduate degree – the master of science in management information systems or MSMIS. The Coast Guard lieutenant got right to the point in summing up the difficult two-year journey: "It required a lot of focus and teeth-gritting, but most worthwhile things require that kind of effort."

The MSMIS is a good fit for the 20-year Coast Guard veteran. Already a project officer in the computer systems field, the 44-year-old pursued the degree both to expand his technical and managerial skills and to increase his career options.

"I decided the program would be a big help to me in my Coast Guard career and after I retire," Crockett said. "I wanted to be sure I had both bases covered."

A required externship involved Crockett in a sweeping Coast Guard project to consolidate its command, control, communications, computer, and information technology systems under a single support organization. "I've already begun using skills I've learned in the degree program," he said. And, with the MSMIS completed, Crockett has accepted a promotion.

UMW added the MSMIS program in 2007 to meet the growing technology management needs of the region's businesses and professionals. That year, the Stafford campus also added a master of business administration-MSMIS dual degree.

As Crockett worked his way through the courses and projects, the effort posed challenges for his family of five. While he balanced school work with commuting to his Northern Virginia office, his wife worked and began studies to become a registered nurse. The couple has kept up with three active children, ages 9 to 14, and in their interests, ranging from Scouts to church choir.

"I don't know how we've managed," Crockett said. "I deliberately keep my hair so short that I can't tear it out."

Photos by Karen Pearlman

James A. Crockett, who was among the first five students to receive the MSMIS degree, poses at CGPS with his wife, Megan, and children, Edward, Angela, and Sarah. He will put the degree to good use in his job as a Coast Guard lieutenant.

T. Logan Metesh

Students Siobhan Dannaher '10 and Andriana Lozier '12 looked *totally awesome* as they took part in the '80s costume contest to celebrate Simpson Library's 20th anniversary.

Simpson **Turns 20**

It was March 1989 when the library moved from Trinkle Hall down Campus Walk to its "new" location. This March, the library honored its 20th anniversary with cake, music, prize drawings, and giveaways. The main library for the University, Simpson is open to the public and serves students, faculty, and staff.

Simpson Library's collections include:

- 367,000 volumes in the social sciences, humanities, and sciences
- more than 42,000 netLibrary electronic books
- millions of articles from magazines, newspapers, and scholarly journals
- popular reading
- maps
- federal and Virginia government documents

Learn more by seeing the exhibit *Simpson Library Celebrates 20 Years, 1989-2009*, on display at the library through July 31.

Newsman Sam Donaldson Speaks to Packed House at Forum

Sam Donaldson, 40-year ABC News veteran, spoke about his experiences as a journalist and offered his opinion on the first 100 days of President Barack Obama's administration at the spring Fredericksburg Forum in March. The event was held in Dodd Auditorium at George Washington Hall.

Earlier in the day, Donaldson, who appears on *ABC News Now*, took time out to visit a UMW journalism class in Combs Hall and offer some pointers to students.

At the packed Forum, he gave this assessment of President Obama: So far so good. "I think the odds are he'll succeed, because I think we'll come out of this recession," Donaldson said. He pointed out that he doesn't think anyone wants the president to fail. "We're all in this together."

Donaldson took some audience questions at the end of the 90-minute program. He said he has always liked to talk. "We all have a bit of ham in us," he said.

The 2009-10 Forum season will begin on Oct. 20 with economist and humorist Ben Stein, followed by broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff on March 23, 2010.

Known as a humorous economist and an economically insightful humorist, Ben Stein has enjoyed a versatile career as a columnist with the *New York Times*, a television and movie actor, an author, a lawyer, and a university teacher. He has written, co-written, and published 30 books, including a best-selling series of finance and self-help books, *How to Ruin Your Life.*

Judy Woodruff has covered politics and other news for more than three decades at CNN, NBC, and PBS. She is senior correspondent for the PBS *NewsHour With Jim Lehrer* and was editor of the show's 2008 election coverage. PBS currently is airing her special series titled *Generation Next.* She served as senior correspondent for CNN, anchoring the weekday political program *Inside Politics*, and has played a major role in the network's political coverage and biggest news stories.

Before joining CNN, she was chief Washington correspondent for *MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour* and was anchor of the award-winning weekly PBS documentary series *Frontline With Judy Woodruff.* In addition, Woodruff has served as NBC News White House correspondent, covering both the Carter and Reagan administrations, and is author of *This is Judy Woodruff at the White House*, which documents her experiences as a political journalist.

Now entering its 14th season, the Fredericksburg Forum brings nationally known speakers to the Fredericksburg community and the University. The Forum is a community-sponsored program underwritten by season ticket sales; the 2009-2010 season also is sponsored by PNC Bank. Tickets for the 2009-2010 season – both programs – are $50 for general admission, $75 for orchestra seating, and $100 for patron seating, which includes a post-event reception with each speaker.

For ticket information, call 540/654-1065.

Fredericksburg Forum speaker Sam Donaldson (top) addressed a UMW journalism class before taking the Dodd Auditorium stage in March. Ben Stein (middle) and Judy Woodruff are next season's featured guests.

Executive in Residence Offers Optimistic Economic News

Karen Pearlman

Fredericksburg native and senior vice president with Bank of America Arrington Mixon is optimistic about the banking industry. "We will get stronger," she said.

Hometown gal Arrington Hearn Mixon, a senior vice president with Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C., spoke to Fredericksburg-area business leaders about *Risks and Opportunities in the Current Economic Environment* at an Executive-in-Residence luncheon in March at UMW's Jepson Alumni Executive Center. She also addressed classes on the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses.

Despite the nation's economic downturn, Mixon told both groups that the U.S. remains the strongest economy in the world; she is confident that the banking industry will recover. "As with any cycle, we will learn from it, and we will get stronger," she said. Mixon foresees some economic recovery by the end of the year, followed by slow growth as individuals and businesses diminish their debt.

Mixon is the daughter of former Board of Visitors member Martha Kimball Hearn Johnson '58 and the late Charles "Pete" Hearn. Pete Hearn was president of the former Dominion Bank in Fredericksburg, which endowed the Executive-in-Residence program in 1989. Mixon grew up in Fredericksburg and attended the University of Virginia, where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa in economics. She also holds a degree in finance from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Established in 1989, UMW's Executive-in-Residence Program provides students from all academic disciplines a chance to interact with well-known and established leaders in the corporate world while enhancing students' knowledge of the free enterprise system. The program also allows the University to foster connections with Fredericksburg-area business leaders.

Alumni Have All the Fun in ***Classes Without Quizzes***

Alumni College 2009 brought together UMW alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and community members for *Classes Without Quizzes*. Held just before Reunion Weekend, the two-day event provides a place to enjoy all the fun and stimulation of college-level learning without the pressure of tests and term papers – and "students" might just run into old friends while they're there!

The first day of *Classes Without Quizzes* featured lunch with educator, artist, and poet **Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69.** Afternoon classes at the Fredericksburg campus covered topics including art, digital history, autism, and poetry; others featured a walking tour about Civil War history, and explored sites of historic interest at Mary Washington. The day's activities concluded with an evening reception at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

Day two, at the Stafford Campus, started with breakfast and timely class topics such as digital mapping; online social networking; and understanding the brain, aging, and memory. UMW Dean Emeritus Phil Hall talked at lunch about the importance of lifelong learning. After class, many participants headed to reunion to continue reminiscing and catching up with friends and classmates.

Above: History Professor Carter Hudgins led Alumni College students on a narrated Civil War walk around Marye's Heights, Trench Hill, and Brompton. Below: Art Professor Joseph Di Bella showed participants how to complete a silverpoint technique that dates to the Renaissance.

UMW Exceeds Centennial Campaign Goal

UMW has exceeded its fundraising goal for the $75 million Centennial Campaign. Associate Vice President for University Development Ken L. Steen and outgoing Vice President for University Advancement Jeff W. Rountree '91 announced to the UMW Board of Visitors during its May meeting that the current campaign total has topped $75.7 million.

The figure includes $32.3 million in new endowments, $25.6 million in capital projects and campus enhancements, and $17.8 million for the Fund for Mary Washington, said Rountree, who will begin in August serving full time as CEO of the UMW Foundation and president of Eagle Property Holdings LLC.

From its inception, the campaign received 18 individual gifts and pledges of $1 million or more, including funds to build the Jepson Alumni Executive Center and the Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Centennial Campanile. UMW supporters also have funded, or will fund, more than 200 new endowments, including 135 new scholarships and 56 program endowments.

In addition, the University has added 230 new members to its Heritage Society – an honorary designation for donors who have notified UMW of its inclusion within their estate plans.

UMW President Judy G. Hample attributed the success of the Centennial Campaign to the University's loyal alumni, parents, and friends. "Our constituents have a passionate commitment to the University of Mary Washington, where friendships are developed and lives are shaped," she said. "Generous donors have invested in the future of this great University, and I am proud of our team of staff members and dedicated volunteers who worked tirelessly to achieve the campaign goal."

William B. Crawley Jr. and Theresa Young Crawley '77 were national chairs for the Centennial Campaign. Sharing their personal commitments and connections to the University, they led a comprehensive effort to secure private dollars to support a multitude of needs at Mary Washington. "We regard UMW students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends as our family – and the campus as our home," Bill Crawley said. "We have been thrilled to see the incredible results of the Centennial Campaign both in terms of dollars raised and in the numerous benefits for students."

Campaign gifts have had an immediate impact at UMW in the availability and increased funding of scholarships. For example, six new Washington Scholarships were created to offer complete coverage of tuition, fees, and room and board for qualifying students from Virginia; two new Alvey Scholarships were created to provide the same for out-of-state students.

In addition, a recent gift of $1.1 million from Paul R. and Mary Ann Dorsey Judy '54 of Chicago funded the Dorsey Scholars Program. Beginning in August, these newly endowed scholarships will support nine undergraduate Dorsey Scholars of diverse gender, race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, disability, religion, and geography. The program also will offer mentoring to these students to encourage camaraderie, community service, leadership, and citizenship.

"Originally, the Centennial Campaign began with a $40 million goal, but when that milestone was reached years ahead of schedule, the UMW Board of Visitors and Foundation Board increased the goal to $75 million," Steen said. "Now that we are at $75.7 million, our staff and volunteers continue to bring in additional gifts to lay the groundwork for the next century of excellence."

Rountree summarized the spirit of all the efforts. "I think the campaign has brought together the Mary Washington community in a way that demonstrates immense pride and lifelong loyalty to this wonderful institution," he said.

The UMW Centennial Campaign officially concluded June 30, 2009. A complete report of gifts and funded programs and projects will be published in the upcoming *President's Message*. Additional details about the campaign are available at www.umw.edu/centennialcampaign.

UMW President Judy G. Hample (left), Mary Ann Dorsey Judy '54, and UMW Foundation CEO Jeff W. Rountree display Board of Visitor resolutions that recognize the establishment of the Dorsey Scholars program.

President's Council is Revamped

Members of the UMW President's Council traditionally contribute a significant amount toward the Fund for Mary Washington. These annual unrestricted gifts impact every aspect of the Mary Washington experience and support academic programs, provide scholarships, and enhance the Mary Washington brand both on and off campus. Throughout the year, members of the President's Council are invited to campus events to share in cultural offerings and to visit with the President and members of all UMW boards.

With the conclusion of the Centennial Campaign, the Office of University Advancement announces changes to the structure of the President's Council: the group will have a chairperson and the minimum giving level will rise.

Tara Corrigall '82 will serve as chair. In this new volunteer position, she will reach out to prospective members and communicate the vital need for support at the President's Council level. A longtime donor, Corrigall has served Mary Washington through her work on numerous committees and as past president of the Alumni Association. Currently, she is the branch manager for UBS Financial Services in Virginia Beach, Va.

Corrigall said being a President's Council donor reinforces her commitment to Mary Washington. "My years with the Alumni Association opened my eyes to the importance of giving unrestricted dollars that are essential to the continued growth and success of our alma mater," she said. "For me, giving at the President's Council level is an investment I make to honor my many memories as a student and as an alumna and to pave the way for the future."

The minimum gift to join the President's Council has risen to $2,500. Initially, the minimum gift to the Fund for Mary Washington was set at $2,008 as a way to commemorate UMW's Centennial. "We truly value the contributions from our President's Council members, both in terms of financial support and in the sharing of their talents and special areas of expertise," said Associate Vice President for Development Ken L. Steen. "Now that the Centennial celebration and campaign are both complete, it seemed the perfect time to move forward with this new giving level."

For more information, visit www.umw.edu/gift or call 540/654-1024.

Derek Eley

Tara Corrigall '82 is the new President's Council chair.

President's Council **Gift Societies**

Fund for Mary Washington

$10,000 or more
Washington Society

$5,000 - $9,999
Monroe Society

$2,500 - $4,999
Centennial Society*

Fund for Mary Washington
(Limited to recent graduates)

$1,000 - $2,499
Gold Eagle Club
(Class of 2000)

$500 - $2,499
Silver Eagle Club
(Classes of 2001 – 2005)

$250 - $2,499
Bronze Eagle Club
(Classes of 2006 – 2009)

* The minimum gift for membership in the Centennial Society of the President's Council has risen to $2,500.

University Advances **Strategically**

A draft document outlining future goals and directions is the next step in UMW's strategic planning process, set in motion last November by President Judy G. Hample.

The University's 18-member Strategic Planning Steering Committee, led by UMW Professor of Philosophy Nina Mikhalevsky, has met several times a month since January. The committee – made up of faculty members from the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses, staff members, a student, and an alumna – held a three-day retreat in early June at Gari Melchers Home and Studio. They were joined at that time by President Hample and representatives from the UMW Board of Visitors.

Together, under Mikhalevsky's leadership, they hammered out a draft document that includes a statement of the University mission, vision, strategic issues, and guiding principles, along with eight key forward-reaching goals. The document was informed by reports from 14 discussion groups consisting of University and community representatives, as well as comments from several hundred people. In addition, results from an alumni survey were taken into consideration.

The Board of Visitors will discuss the draft document at its retreat in July. Then, incorporating board input, the next draft will be circulated in mid-August for community comment. Please visit strategicplanning.umwblogs.org to see discussion group reports and Steering Committee materials, and to learn more about the ongoing process.

The UMW Strategic Plan is designed to provide a vision for what UMW aspires to be in the next five years and will lay out specific objectives and measurable benchmarks for grounding institutional decisions and guiding resource allocations.

Not only has the plan drawn from the imagination, creativity, knowledge, and experience of the UMW community, it also has taken into account UMW's ongoing obligations to the Commonwealth of Virginia, preparation for the next review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the need to be responsive to the leadership of President Hample and the Board of Visitors.

UMW Student Receives Fulbright Scholarship

Sylvia Sierra '09 was selected in May to receive a U.S. Fulbright grant for 2009-2010. The Stafford County resident will use it to work as an English teaching assistant in Mexico, most likely at a university.

Sierra is among a handful of students in UMW's history to receive the prestigious award.

"Teaching English in Latin America has been a dream of mine for at least a couple of years," said Sierra, who graduated in May with a self-designed special major in linguistics and Spanish.

"It is a true honor to receive a Fulbright award, a distinction that demonstrates a high level of academic achievement and international engagement," said Nabil Al-Tikriti, assistant professor of history. "Sylvia has demonstrated both her academic and international abilities prominently in her application, and as a result has achieved this rare distinction."

Sierra is excited about being immersed in the culture of Mexico. The experience will help her polish her Spanish and gain valuable teaching experience. She also hopes to conduct research in sociolinguistics, studying how culture and language intermix.

Sierra was active in many facets of UMW, including organizing and teaching English as a Second Language classes for members of the Spanish-speaking community. She also founded UMW's chapters of Students for a Democratic Society, Student Organizations United for Progress, and the Spanish Club, for which she served as president. She also was awarded research grants in 2008 and 2009 to present papers at Linguistic Society of America conferences in Columbus, Ohio, and in San Francisco.

A graduate of Brooke Point High School, Sierra is the daughter of Joanna Ingraham of Stafford County, and Edward Sierra of Shoreham, N.Y.

Fulbright Scholar Sylvia Sierra '09 crafted a special major in linguistics and Spanish. She will teach English in Mexico.

The Fulbright Scholar Program, established by Congress in 1946 to enable the government to foster understanding between the people of the U.S. and other countries, has helped nearly 265,000 scholars.

Photos by Robert A. Martin

A group of 2009 graduates lets the celebration begin!

No Holding Back

Commencement '09 is a Combination of Pomp and Playfulness

"Today is not the day to hold back!" That advice from speaker Anne Holton, First Lady of Virginia, set a light, upbeat tone for the 98th University of Mary Washington Commencement ceremony May 9 in Ball Circle as 1,125 students received degrees under a cloudy but blessedly dry sky.

Caps and gowns, flip flops and shorts, silk dresses and stiletto heels, suits and ties, and everything in between provided a colorful palette, as proud parents, siblings, infants, toddlers, and other guests – even some dogs – gathered near robed students for the special day. Cameras clicked, applause filled the air, and some parents even shouted out their children's names in the excitement of the moment. At the end of the ceremony, a beach ball moved above the caps and gowns as giddy grads kept it aloft. It was perhaps a metaphor for how the future looked at that moment.

Holton recalled her father, former Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton, greeting his children every morning with: "Wake up, girls. It's opportunity time!" She told the UMW graduates that this was indeed their "opportunity time." She urged them to "travel, volunteer – or combine the two – when you're not tied down."

"You all still know how to travel on next to nothing. You're used to living four to a room. You know how to eat Ramen noodles breakfast, lunch, and dinner," Holton said to laughter. "You can afford to do a little traveling. You can afford to volunteer."

Holton, who is married to Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, has devoted her career to improving foster care and adoption. She has served as a legal aid lawyer representing low-income families and as a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge in Richmond. Her most recent initiative, "For Keeps: Families for all Virginia Teens," focuses on finding and strengthening permanent families for older children in foster care as well as refining Virginia's Youth Advisory Council. For her work with the initiative, Holton received the 2008 Annie E. Casey Foundation Families for Life Award of Distinction, among other awards.

"The glass half-full way of looking at life is what I'd like to yield up to you today," she told the graduates. "You're going to have a great life. This economics thing, it's going to turn around," Holton added. "We'll wait it out, and why not enjoy the freedoms you have?"

In closing, she apologized to parents who had hoped that Holton would urge the graduates to enter the job market and "put their nose to the grindstone right away."

"You can do that later. Have some fun. Look for opportunities to grow, to give, and to share the adventures that are going to open up before you. I join with your parents and the faculty in looking forward to the exciting show that will be your future."

Music was provided by the University of Mary Washington-Community Symphony Orchestra, which entertained the crowd before

and after Commencement with a lively mix of pieces, including the Alma Mater, patriotic works, show tunes, and hymns.

During the ceremony, the following awards were presented:

Christine Linman Exley received the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award for Academic Achievement, given to the graduating senior in arts and sciences with the highest grade-point average over four years. Exley, who had a nearly perfect GPA of 3.99, majored in both economics and mathematics and earned departmental honors in each. A Washington Scholar, she completed nine independent study courses in both disciplines. In internships over two summers with the FBI and the National Security Agency, she used her mathematical skills in a classified project. Her honors project in cryptography drew praise from her mathematics professor for her ability to work in abstract areas of math. With her economics major, she participated in projects that benefited a refugee community in Honduras by improving cook stoves and decreasing indoor air pollution. She also helped create a microfinancial institution called La Ceiba in an experiential learning economics course in her senior year. Both projects were the basis of her economics honors thesis. She will attend Stanford University in the fall to pursue a doctorate in economics.

And in an unprecedented move, faculty member Jean Ann Dabb, associate professor and chair of the Department of Art and Art History, received both the Grellet C. Simpson Award, UMW's most prestigious award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, and the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award, given by the graduating class to the faculty member who has made the greatest impact on them. (See sidebar accompanying this article.)

Receiving the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award was Shawn Humphrey, assistant professor of economics. A colleague wrote of Humphrey, "What makes him truly outstanding is his effort to bridge the divide between the classroom and the outside world, especially in the area of development economics."

Humphrey, who has been with UMW since 2005, conceived the Two Dollar a Day Challenge, in which he and his students committed to living on $2 a day. They slept outside on campus and scavenged for food – and in the process raised money to fund several loans through an international microfinance organization. Humphrey and his students also have made trips to Honduras to assist villagers whose homes were devastated by a hurricane more than a decade ago.

Kimberley L. Kinsley, assistant professor of leadership and management, received the College of Graduate and Professional Studies Outstanding Faculty Member Award. Kinsley was praised for the challenges she sets for her students and for her collaborative relationships with her colleagues. Students described her as an exemplary role model who "embodies the very meaning of a professor at UMW." Before she came to Mary Washington, Kinsley worked in a wide range of professional positions, including as in-house counsel for a defense contractor, member of the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps, attorney in private practice, deputy public defender, and vice president of a home building corporation. She has also published a short story and edited economics texts, and is currently completing a novel. Kinsley has been a full-time member of the UMW faculty since 2007.

Faculty gaining emeritus status were Bulent I. Atalay, professor of physics; Vera Niebuhr, associate professor of German; and Roy B. Weinstock, professor of psychology and vice president for planning, assessment, and institutional research. (Commencement coverage continues on next page.)

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Virginia First Lady Anne Holton, top left, told 2009 UMW graduates to have some fun. The heeding of that advice was evident throughout the celebratory day. Bottom left, Economics Professor Stephen Stageberg, marshal of the faculty, struck a reflective pose, University mace in hand.

Art History Professor Makes History

For Jean Ann Dabb, one course in college transformed her life. That course was art history.

Now, UMW Associate Professor Dabb wants to be the transformer. Nothing could be more thrilling to her than to have students in her Survey of Western Art course come up to her and say they are hooked.

Her ability to reel in students is one reason she netted a unique dual distinction at Commencement 2009. Dabb, 51, was the first professor to win two of UMW's prestigious faculty awards in the same year. She was recipient of the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award, which is annually presented by graduating seniors to the professor they deem the "most likely to remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives."

Jean Ann Dabb is congratulated by Dean Rosemary Barra.

Before she even had a chance to bask in the glow of that special and unexpected honor, Dabb was called back to the podium to receive the Grellet C. Simpson Award. Named for a former Mary Washington president, the award is presented to a faculty member identified by students, alumni, and faculty as an outstanding, gifted, and dedicated teacher.

"I was overwhelmed," Dabb said. "Both awards are tremendously important and mean so much to me."

In presenting the awards at Commencement, Acting Provost Nina Mikhalevsky said that letters of nomination highlighted Dabb's "remarkable energy and engagement in the classroom, the way she makes the material come alive, and her unwavering dedication to her students.

In fact, Mikhalevsky added, one student praised Dabb for embodying "the holy grail of academic standards for a professor: tough but fair." The student added, "Neither lax nor Draconian, all of her efforts in the classroom are geared toward student learning, for all students…. As a teacher, she makes difficult or dry material interesting – not everyone may be interested in the minutiae of medieval monastery art or Roman city planning, but she is able to bring them to life and relevance with fascinating tales of monk espionage and slanderous Roman graffiti."

Chair of UMW's department of art and art history, Dabb takes great pride in UMW's growing number of art history majors. Her Paris seminar and Egyptian art course always are filled to capacity. Tapping into her passion for mosaic art, Dabb also has developed and taught a course on the history and techniques of mosaics. That course successfully merges art history and studio practice.

Dabb also organizes monthly opportunities for students to showcase their artwork in the Fredericksburg Visitor Center downtown.

Because she worked closely with and respected Mary Pinschmidt, that award was especially touching for Dabb. The annual award was established in 1998 after the death of the 34-year veteran biology teacher.

In presenting the award at Commencement, studio art and art history major Alexandra Meier '09 said of Dabb: "Described by students as kind, passionate, and inspirational, she is a professor who wants her students to succeed and willingly devotes time to them beyond the classroom. Her door is always open, and she is quick to offer a greeting, answer questions, or just talk."

Meier continued, "She is so dedicated, in fact, that during times of illness, other professors have to force her out the door of Melchers so she can go home and get better."

Dabb, who was diagnosed with colon cancer in the fall of 2005, suffered a recurrence during the 2008-09 academic year. But Dabb, who is currently undergoing chemotherapy, didn't miss a beat. She finished up her fall classes, had surgery during the winter break, and returned during the first week of classes in January.

"Maintaining a normal routine is therapeutic for me," she said. "And students always keep me engaged."

After a brief teaching stint at the University of Notre Dame, Dabb came to Mary Washington in 1992 and found it was the "perfect match" for her. "It's small enough to know folks in other departments," she said, "but large enough for diversity." A Utah native, Dabb earned her bachelor of arts in English and studio art at Weber State University. Inspired by her single undergraduate exposure to art history, she went on to earn both a master of arts and doctorate in the field – the master's from University of Massachusetts and the doctorate from University of Michigan.

Along the way, Dabb has become a classic film buff, especially regarding all things Hitchcock, and she has become hooked on mosaics. In addition to making mosaics of her own – also very therapeutic, she said – Dabb organized and curated an international exhibition last fall at UMW. Aptly named *Inspired by…Contemporary Mosaics and the Historical Tradition*, the show won widespread acclaim.

First UMW Freshmen Ever **Named Lacrosse All-Americans**

University of Mary Washington women's lacrosse players **Catherine Kennedy '12** and **Allie Kimmelman '12** were named All-Americans by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. They become the first freshman All-Americans in program history and were two of only three freshman All-Americans this year.

Kennedy, named to the second team, scored 77 goals and 12 assists for the Eagles with a team high of 89 points. Kimmelman tallied 43 goals and 43 assists for 86 points and gained third team All-America honors.

Both players also were named by womenslacrosse.com to the national All-Freshman Team, first team all-region, and first team all-conference.

Lacrosse All-American Catherine Kennedy '12 scored 77 goals and 12 assists with a team high of 89 points.

Loden, James Win First Rounds at NCAA Singles

John James '09 and **Randy Loden '09** each won his first-round match in the NCAA Division III singles championship in Claremont, Calif., before falling to seeded players in the quarterfinals.

Loden topped Spencer Feldman of Trinity College of Hartford, Conn., in the first round, 6-1, 7-5, before falling to top-seeded John Kauss of Gustavus Adolphus College of St. Peter, Minn., 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 in the quarters.

James topped Max Liberty-Point of University of California, Santa Cruz, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-3 in the opening round before falling to seventh-seeded Conrad Olson of Middlebury College of Vermont, 6-0, 6-0.

Allie Kimmelman '12 tallied 43 goals and 43 assists for 86 points and gained third-team honors.

White Plays All-Star **Lacrosse at Harvard Stadium**

UMW's **Charlie White '10** of Alexandria, Va., was selected to represent the South team in the annual USILA North/South Senior All-Star Game, sponsored by the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and the Boston Cannons. The game took place at Harvard University Stadium in Boston on May 22.

White is the first UMW player in several years to be invited to the all-star classic.

Charlie White represented UMW on the South Senior All-Star Team in Boston.

Photos by Clint Often

Three Scholar-Athletes Receive Top Honors

Andrew Cox '09, **Justin German '09**, and **Becky Morse-Karzen '09** were chosen as the 2009 UMW Scholar-Athletes of the Year. The announcement was made at the UMW Athletics Banquet, held in the spring.

Cox, an ace right-handed pitcher for the baseball team, majored in biology and held a 3.57 overall GPA. In 2008, he gained All-CAC and all-region honors after going 9-2 with a 3.43 ERA in 13 appearances with four complete games. This season, he went 6-4 with a 2.88 ERA with four complete games and repeated as a first team all-conference and all-region pick.

Sharing the men's scholar-athlete award with Cox is Justin German. A star in track and field, German gained All-America honors in the high jump this winter, clearing a season-best 6 feet, 8.75 inches. A political science major, he carried a 3.64 GPA.

Morse-Karzen led the Mary Washington tennis team to four straight CAC championships and four NCAA Tournament appearances. In doing so, she helped the Eagles advance further toward the national quarterfinals in her first three years and all the way last year. A four-time All-American, Morse-Karzen studied Spanish and education and boasted a 3.64 GPA.

Photos by Clint Often

Justin German, who excels in track and field, gained All-America honors in the high jump this winter.

Andrew Cox, ace pitcher on the baseball team, repeated as a first team all-conference and all-region pick.

Tennis powerhouse Becky Morse-Karzen led the UMW team to four championships and the same number of tournaments.

Club Programs Capture Championships

In its first year as a club, the UMW canoe and kayak team won the 2009 American Canoe Association Virginia Canoe & Kayak Championship and finished third in the 2008 Collegiate Canoe & Kayak National Championships.

In the state championship, which included 30 boats competing in five classes, UMW defeated the University of Virginia to claim the top title.

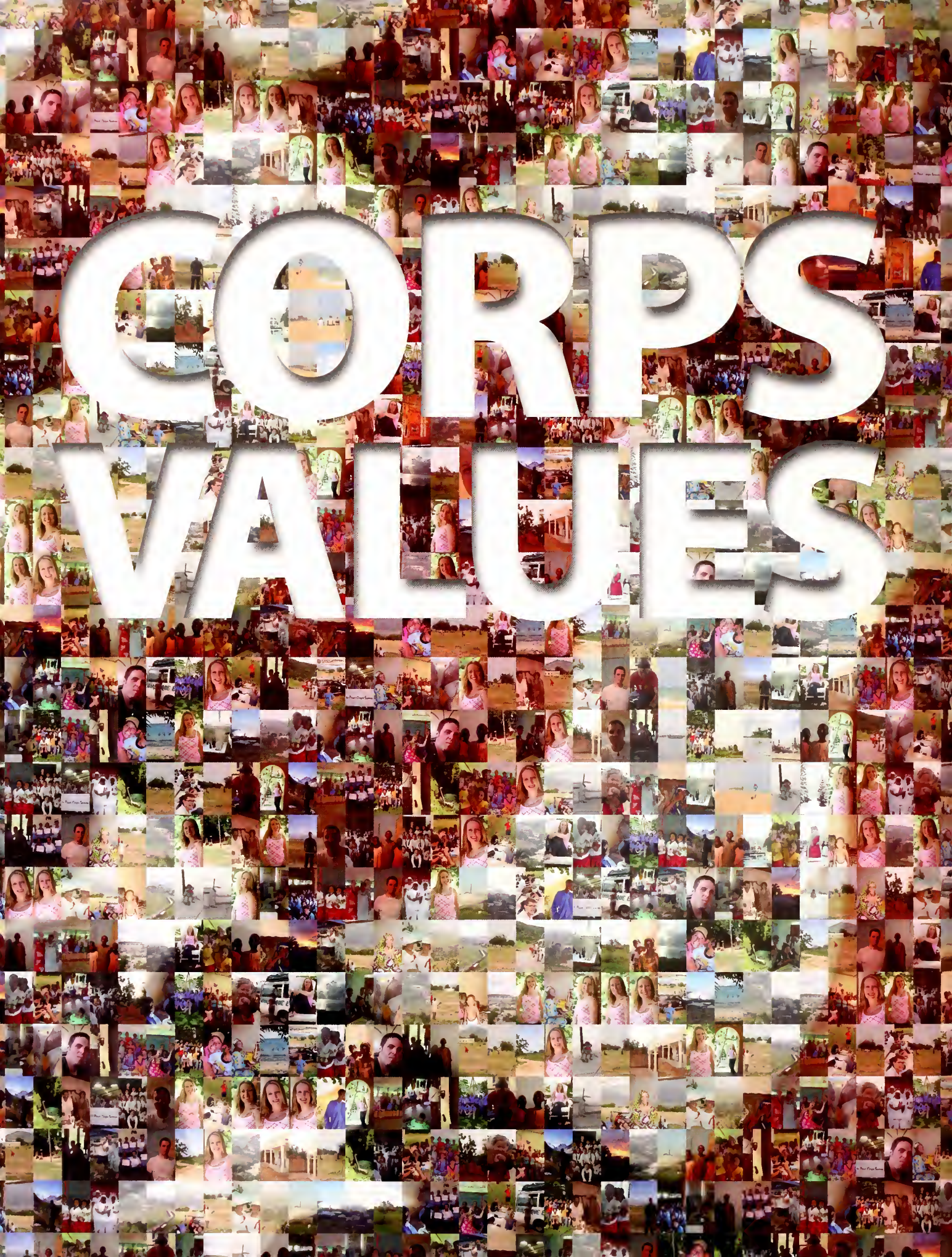
UMW will host the 2009 Collegiate Canoe & Kayak National Championships on the Rappahannock River Oct. 11-12, 2009.

Another sport club, men's rugby, won this year's Virginia Rugby Union Division II Championship.

UMW Rowers Excel on Water and in Class

University of Mary Washington rowers **Marielle Gibbons '11** and **Julie Milam '09** were selected to the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association 2009 Scholar-Athlete team.

In order for student-athletes to be named to this elite team, they must meet all eligibility rules as defined by their schools, and they are required to have 3.5 cumulative GPAs or greater through the fall semester for the current competition year.


CORPS
VALUES

UMW Spirit of Giving Serves Peace Corps Volunteers Well

By Edie Gross

For the sixth year in a row, the University of Mary Washington is one of the top producers of Peace Corps volunteers among schools of its size.

This comes as no surprise to **Courtney Weise Santonicola '96**, who has worked at the organization's Washington, D.C., headquarters for six years.

"The Peace Corps experience really does embody a lot of what UMW is about – serving others and a commitment to helping change the world and being committed to volunteerism," she said. "I think it's a wonderful thing."

UMW has 20 alumni serving in the Peace Corps right now, ranking it sixth nationally among colleges and universities with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates. Since 1961, 184 UMW alumni have joined the corps.

Austin Merrill '91 was one of them, spending two years in Ivory Coast building latrines for markets, schools, and other public places. He was a history major at UMW, but his Peace Corps experience inspired him to earn a master's degree in international affairs and later return to Africa as a reporter for The Associated Press.

"The part that was the most difficult ended up being the part that was the best about it. The foreignness ended up being what your education was all about," said Merrill, now an editor at *Vanity Fair* magazine. "It's the most eye-opening thing I've ever done."

Volunteers provide a range of expertise, everything from teaching English to advising small businesses. Along the way, they help the communities they serve to see Americans in a positive light, Santonicola said.

And the volunteers themselves – several of whom shared their stories with *UMW Magazine* – often say the experience is unparalleled.

"They're not development workers living in the capital who go out periodically into the field to deliver aid. They work in the communities where they live," Santonicola said. "They're transforming lives. It's a serious commitment and an amazing adventure."

LAURA HANKS
SAMOA

When **Laura Hanks '06** first arrived in Samoa as a special education teacher, no one spoke to Malaki, a 4-year-old boy who was hearing-impaired. He simply flitted around the classroom, unable to communicate with his teachers and classmates.

"It was a real struggle to get teachers to include him," said Hanks, whose love for children had blossomed while she counseled summer campers in Wisconsin.

By the time Hanks left the island of Upolu two years later, the youngster with the contagious grin had a hearing aid tucked behind his right ear and a pretty good handle on sign language. What's more, Malaki's classmates had picked up the language, too, meaning

Laura Hanks '06 shares a lighthearted moment with Tagiau, who made this slingshot from a whittled branch.

Laura Hanks '06 served in Samoa as a special-education teacher and bonded with Malaki, a child who is hearing-impaired.

their fellow student was no longer an outcast.

"I still dream about him," said Hanks, 26, who returned from the South Pacific in December 2008.

Hanks, who majored in history at UMW, spent the fall of her senior year studying in Brussels, Belgium, and working for the European Union. She enjoyed her time in Europe – including the rugby and the beer – but serving in the Peace Corps held a certain thrill for her, she said.

"I wanted to not just live abroad and hang out, but go somewhere and help."

Though helping Malaki was her primary objective, Hanks organized a number of projects to benefit her Samoan village. She created the school's first computer lab with equipment donated by the father of a fellow UMW graduate. She also established a library there with new books.

She applied for a grant that helped supply a local women's club with sewing machines. And she persuaded her father, a surgeon at the University of Virginia, to visit twice and conduct health clinics. The village even made him a chief.

A basketball player during her years at UMW, Hanks also coached the children's soccer team in her village.

It took a while, she said, for her neighbors to realize she was serious when she promised to provide things they needed.

"I really had to prove myself," she said. "They have tons of people come and promise them things and never follow up on it. So I had to do a couple of projects on my own to prove I wasn't going to leave."

She soaked up her surroundings, enjoying village barbecues on the beach, bicycling everywhere, and even surviving chance encounters with centipedes and lizards in her bed. Now a post-baccalaureate/pre-med student at the University of Virginia – she plans to become a surgeon like her father – Hanks describes the Peace Corps experience as nothing short of life-altering.

"It'll be one of those things I'll remember for the rest of my life," she said. "You learn so much about yourself."

To read more about Laura Hanks' experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer, see her blog, samoanadventure.blogspot.com.

CARRIE WALLINGER

MONGOLIA

During **Carrie Wallinger**'s first week at UMW, she wandered into Cards & Cones in downtown Fredericksburg and overheard a customer talking about having just returned from Peace Corps service overseas.

Wallinger '02 said she carried that seed in the back of her mind throughout college and broached the topic with her professors, all of whom were supportive. Still, after graduating with degrees in English and political science, she worked as a newspaper reporter for two years in Lynchburg, Va., before taking the plunge.

"I decided I wanted to do something different," said Wallinger, 29. "I got to a point where I thought, 'If I don't go now, I never will.'"

She spent June 2004 to June 2006 in Mongolia, teaching English to fourth-through-eighth-graders. Her village had 1,200 people and one telephone. She drank river water and

Carrie Wallinger '02 taught Mongolian students English for two years. She lived a simple, solitary life in Mongolia, and found it hard to reacclimate to the hurried American lifestyle.

chopped wood in the winter, when temperatures fell to 40 below, to heat her *ger*, the tent-like structure she called home.

In the summer, when the village's electricity went out for three months, she cooked meals over an open fire.

"I got the real Peace Corps experience," said Wallinger, now a graduate student in social justice and human rights at Arizona State University.

Being so isolated took some getting used to, she said. As a foreigner, she was viewed as an oddity. Kids would follow her around, and elders would occasionally talk about her – not realizing that she understood much of what they were saying.

Still, she said, she warmed to the place – and the people warmed to her. Her students would sometimes clap for her when she entered the classroom. And a local family basically adopted her, treating her as their daughter.

While Wallinger experienced a good bit of culture shock there, she said returning to the United States, with its traffic, 24-hour cable, and packed grocery aisles, was almost more overwhelming.

"Paring your existence down to just the basics was amazing," she said. "I still miss that sometimes, the simplicity of it all."

ANDY CRAVER
KYRGYZSTAN

Andy Craver '02 will celebrate his 30th birthday this summer in the eastern Kyrgyz village where he began charting his future nearly five years ago.

These days, he is a graduate student and a Peace Corps fellow at the University of Missouri, where he is earning a master's degree in rural sociology. During his trip – his first back to Kyrgyzstan since ending his Peace Corps service in 2006 – he'll examine how state-owned pasture land is divided for nomadic herders.

Some of those herders were students of his when he taught English to children in the Central Asian country for two years. Often, their attendance was spotty because they were expected to help herd sheep, cattle, and yaks for their families.

"A lot of these kids had pressures in their lives I wouldn't have thought of," Craver said. "A kid who's 12 who has to be housekeeper. Or they'd have to work in the fields with their parents. I'd go hiking in the mountains and run into my kids who were shepherding. 'Oh, that's why you weren't in school yesterday.' "

Craver, a cultural anthropology major at UMW, traveled a bit after graduation, eventually meeting up with a longtime friend in Panama who was volunteering to build water filtration systems for remote communities.

Wallinger lived in a traditional Mongolian *ger* (yurt in English), shown here in summer. When winter temperatures dropped to 40 degrees below zero, she chopped wood to heat the felt-covered home.

Andy Craver '02 returns to Kyrgyzstan this summer for the first time since ending his Peace Corps service there in 2006. The University of Missouri student is earning a master's degree in rural sociology.

"I'd gotten the [Peace Corps] application and kind of tinkered with it before I was in Panama," said Craver, who always had enjoyed volunteering. "It just kind of clicked."

Though he learned to speak Kyrgyz, the Russian he studied at UMW came in handy as well since it is one of the country's official languages.

The "fish-bowlish" life could be stressful at times; he was singled out as "the American." But the people were amazingly friendly, and strangers regularly invited him for tea, he said.

And he found the emphasis on self-reliance refreshing.

"Here, if we have a toaster and it breaks, we throw it away," Craver said. "There, you unplug it, you sit down, and you fix it."

He said he misses the taste of kabobs cooked over coals and even the comforting scent of dried dung cakes being burned in the winter. His time in the Peace Corps crystallized for him what he wanted to do with his life, and he recommends the experience to other UMW grads.

"I think a lot of people are just predisposed to it," he said. "It's vastly appealing to people of a certain mindset . . . if you want to see the world, experience otherness, and help people."

DAN ARCHIBALD

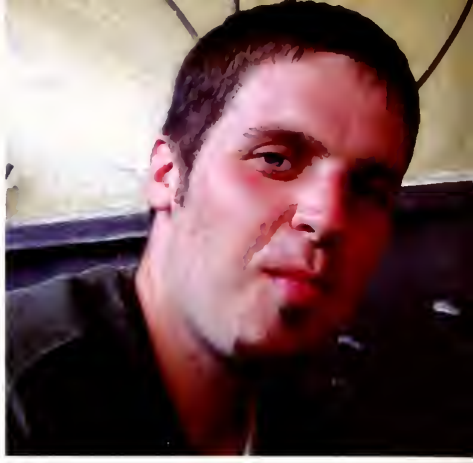
CAMEROON

Sports enthusiast **Dan Archibald '05** was thrilled to learn that pickup soccer matches were a daily occurrence in the northern Cameroon village where he is posted for two years.

He even haggled for a pair of cleats at a nearby market. As it turns out, footwear is overrated among athletes in his village, Bogo, located in the West African country's extreme north.

Most of Archibald's teammates and opponents play barefoot. And the game itself more closely resembles "hand-to-hand combat" than American-style soccer, he wrote on his blog (cameroondan.blogspot.com) in February.

"Now prior to my soccer experience here, I considered myself to be a fairly fast individual. As it turns out, that is false," wrote Archibald, who is scheduled to serve in Cameroon until December 2010. "When a Cameroonian wearing jelly sandals blows by you like you weren't even there, it makes you reassess your athletic ability. Needless to say, I've had to adjust my game a bit."



Dan Archibald '05 is in Cameroon until 2010. He thought he was a pretty good soccer player until he started playing with villagers there.

Archibald, 25, also had to adjust to 120-degree days and some persistent stomach bugs. But overall, he said, living and working in a community he might otherwise never be able to visit has been amazing.

"On a typical day, I'll eat breakfast in the village center, converse with shopkeepers and friends around the village, and usually in the evening after work I'll fit in a game of soccer with the local guys," he wrote in an email. "These are activities that, when I did them in the U.S., I probably didn't give a second thought. Yet in this setting, with people of a completely different background, every opportunity to connect on a personal level is always rewarding."

As a Peace Corps volunteer in agroforestry, which uses the interactive benefits from combining trees and shrubs with crops and/or livestock, Archibald can focus on everything from establishing tree nurseries and reforesting land to

Granny Hamatoukour, right, and another village woman celebrate the Feast of Ramadan in Bogo, Cameroon, where Dan Archibald '05 lives and works.

building wells and diversifying crops. He is also expected to teach English.

He chats with others in both French and Fulfulde, a western African language. When he first arrived, locals called him *nasarra*, the Fulfulde word for "foreigner." These days, he's been upgraded to *nasarra qui joue le ballon*, or "the foreigner who plays ball."

He majored in international affairs and political science at UMW and one day hopes to pursue a career in international development.

A Peace Corps post can be rewarding on some days and frustrating on others, he said. "But for someone who likes a good adventure, is eager to make a change in the world (or at least try), and doesn't mind eating some pretty weird stuff from time to time, Peace Corps would probably be a great fit," he wrote.

To read about Dan Archibald's time as a volunteer in Cameroon, see his blog, cameroondan.blogspot.com.

CHAD CHADBOURN

COSTA RICA

Chad Chadbourn's Spanish language expertise might come as a surprise to the professors who taught him at UMW.

"That was not my strongest course," said Chadbourn '06. "But I wanted to go to Latin America. Now I'm fluent."

After being inspired by a fellow UMW alum who was serving in the Peace Corps in Africa, Chadbourn joined the volunteer organization and headed for Costa Rica a month after graduation.

He'd already been there once during his senior year – with geography Professor Dawn Bowen's sustainable development class, "so it was perfect timing," he said.

He went originally to help local businesses with basic

Chad Chadbourn '06 went to Costa Rica to teach basic accounting to businesses. He added other duties along the way, including convincing the locals that he really cared.

accounting and general organizational issues but added teaching English classes to teens and adults – many of whom worked in the local tourist industry. He also helped a high school recycling group show businesses how to be environmentally responsible.

An Eagle Scout, Chadbourn also helped establish a Scouting group for boys and girls ages 7 to 10. The group proved to be so popular that it later expanded to include those up to 15.

Chadbourn, 25, said he ran into quite a few UMW graduates who were volunteering in Costa Rica. And he enjoyed meeting with Bowen's students when they visited the country.

As for settling in, the language barrier was tough at first, he said. Even more difficult, however, was convincing the locals that he wasn't a tourist just dropping in, but that he was making a long-term investment in the community.

"Really being respected in the community and seen as a resource for them was a challenging experience for me. It took such a hard effort. That's why it was such a positive experience for me," he said. "I got an email the other day from the volunteer who's in my community now, saying, 'Thank you for the relationships you established.'"

Those relationships have paid off for Chadbourn too. An Arlington, Va., resident, he now works for a consulting firm that contracts with the U.S. Agency for International

Chad Chadbourn with a group of his English students in Costa Rica. He taught classes four nights a week, influencing more than 150 students during his two-year stint.

Development, where he helps staff projects abroad, including in Latin America.

For those considering the Peace Corps, the two-year commitment might seem daunting, he said, but it's worth it.

"Two years sounds like a long time, but then you think, 'How fast did four years at UMW go by?' Joining the Peace Corps was one of the best decisions I've ever made," he said.

Zezula, who majored in psychology at UMW, spent two years working as a health and hygiene educator in southern Morocco. She said she worked with a lot of young families, educating them about everything from AIDS prevention to healthy diets.

She never realized how much she enjoyed teaching until joining the Peace Corps, she said. Ultimately, she wants to teach English literature.

Zezula, 26, said she enjoyed learning a new language, and she believes her college experience at UMW helped her adjust to life in another country.

"I think that a liberal arts school naturally encourages students to think outside the box, and therefore maybe students are more willing to embrace the idea of adapting to another culture.

"Growth is sometimes difficult, but when you see how far you've come, you get a thrill rarely found elsewhere," she said. "I will always be grateful to Moroccans for the opportunity they gave me and the new perspective I gained from being among them."

MARIE ZEZULA

MOROCCO

Marie Zezula '05 wasn't sure she was Peace Corps material.

"I think most of my life I felt that volunteers were people who were much braver than I was and who were fluent in at least four languages. Upon further examination of the program, I realized that there were all sorts of people in the Peace Corps," Zezula said in an email from France, where she has been teaching English since wrapping up her Peace Corps duties in May 2008. "What was central to all volunteers was our commitment to the mission of service and cultural exchange."

Marie Zezula '05 served as a health and hygiene educator to young families in Morocco. In the process, she realized how much she enjoys teaching.

Not everyone can spend two years abroad in the Peace Corps. But there are plenty of ways to support the organization from home.

Support Volunteer Projects

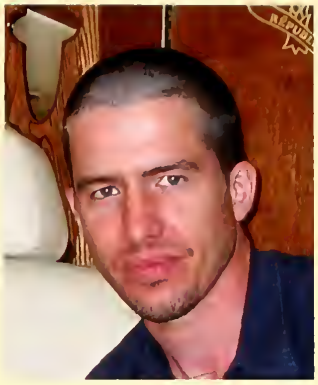
At peacecorps.gov/contribute, volunteers describe the needs of their communities – for instance, a library, textbooks, or latrines – and donors can make tax-deductible contributions to support those projects. The community itself agrees to pay for at least 25 percent of the project, often in sweat equity.

Connect With Classrooms

Through peacecorps.gov/wws, teachers can invite Peace Corps speakers to their classrooms, get cross-cultural lesson plans from the organization, and even be paired up with a volunteer overseas, who can exchange letters, stories, and pictures with students about where he or she is serving.

Challenge Children

Peacecorps.gov/kids includes games for kids to play that also teach them about the challenges some communities face.



Austin Merrill '91 spent two "eye-opening" years in Ivory Coast. The experience inspired him to earn a master's degree in international affairs.

Courtney Weise Santonicola '96, a former volunteer who is employed by the service organization, said the Peace Corps experience embodies "what UMW is about – serving others."

SAMANTHA BUNKER
NEW RECRUIT

By this time next year, **Samantha Bunker '09** will be advising businesses in South or Central America as a Peace Corps volunteer, possibly using the Spanish she studied at UMW.

Bunker, who majored in psychology with a concentration in business, said there were many opportunities to join the Peace Corps during her four years on campus.

She would run into friends who were joining, or she would receive emails from graduates who were writing blogs on their experiences abroad. Several times, she said, Peace Corps recruiters spoke to her and fellow members of the service-oriented club Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

"I always felt like I wanted to do it, and it kept popping up everywhere for me," said Bunker, 22. "I was finally like: I get it. I'm going."

Bunker, who is working for UMW's Residence Life this summer, reports for duty next May. She figures living abroad will take some getting used to, but she's thrilled to join a cause that so many of her fellow grads have embraced.

"I want something that shakes your entire world so much, it changes everything you're going to be in the future."

Samantha Bunker '09 is working at UMW this summer. Next summer, she will be a Peace Corps volunteer in South or Central America.

Q&A

Bulent Atalay

By Kathleen Sheridan

Like a reader of one of his books, Bulent I. Atalay is starting a new chapter. After an illustrious career that combined teaching in the UMW classroom, presenting lectures around the world, and writing a handful of highly acclaimed books, the professor emeritus of physics is rising to the occasion of retirement. Atalay is approaching this new period with enthusiasm (tempered by a tinge of uncertainty), energy, and myriad plans, which include writing another book or two, painting, traveling, and spending more time with his grandchildren.

By his side will be his wife of nearly 47 years, **Carol Jean Masker Atalay '65**, who recently retired from her job as senior licensure analyst for Stafford County Public Schools. Their daughter, **Jeannine Atalay Harvey '86**, lives in Northern Virginia and works for PBS. Their son, medical doctor Michael Atalay, who earned degrees from Princeton and Johns Hopkins universities, lives in Providence, R.I., where he is on the faculty of Brown University Medical School. Both Jeannine and Michael are married , and between them they have six children. This summer, the whole clan will gather for a week in Corolla, N.C., to vacation in a house owned by close friend Bernard Mahoney, UMW distinguished professor emeritus of chemistry.

Atalay was born in Turkey, the son of a Turkish four-star general who had served as a military attaché to London, Paris, and then Washington, D.C. The young physicist began his career at Mary Washington in 1966 after earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgetown University. He completed his doctoral thesis in theoretical nuclear physics at Georgetown after arriving at UMW, and later did postdoctoral work at University of California, Berkeley; Princeton; and Oxford. In 1974, he became a full professor. For more than four decades, he incorporated his passion for art and archaeology into his physics classes.

Atalay is a sought-after speaker and scholar who has won international recognition for his professional presentations as well as published books and articles. His most recent book, *Leonardo's Universe: The Renaissance World of Leonardo da Vinci* (National Geographic Books, 2009), co-authored with former graduate student **Keith Wamsley '03**, was listed among the Britannica Blog's "Ten Must-Have Books for the Year." An earlier book, *Math and the Mona Lisa: The Art and Science of Leonardo da Vinci* (Smithsonian Books, 2004), has been published in 12 languages. Atalay recently began work on two new books – one on scientific creativity with Wamsley for National Geographic Books and another for Smithsonian Books, tentatively titled *Beethoven, Newton, and Leonardo: Patterns in Creativity*, with composer Alan Fletcher, president of the Aspen Music School.

An accomplished artist, Atalay has produced two books of lithographs, *Lands of Washington: Impressions in Ink* and *Oxford and the English Countryside*. Collections in the White House, Buckingham Palace, and the Smithsonian Institution include his work. During retirement, he plans to return to art, devoting time to an earlier passion, painting.

In 1998, Atalay received the University's Simpson Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching; he also received the 2004 Student Council Excellence in Teaching award for the physics department. He received the emeritus distinction at this year's Commencement.

With his customarily full calendar of speaking engagements, in the last year Atalay has participated in a panel discussion on creativity for the National Science Foundation and has delivered keynote addresses at the Smithsonian Resident Associates Program, the National Institutes of Health, Washington, D.C.'s Cosmos Club, the National Geographic Explorers Club, the Aspen Institute, the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, Yale University, and Virginia Commonwealth University da Vinci Center. In May, he gave a series of talks to science and math teachers at the Atlanta Aquarium, with a tank of beluga whales as a backdrop.

As he looked back on a notable career, Atalay said of retirement, "It's time to give younger physicists a chance." He quipped, "I've graded my share of exams," but added, "I will miss UMW very much, especially the students."

At one of several retirement parties recently given in his honor, Atalay raised a glass "to those who taught me, those with whom I've taught, but especially to those whom I have taught."

He sat down with *UMW Magazine* to share more thoughts on this new phase of his life.

What do you love most about UMW? *I have been able to do what I wanted: I could teach, which I loved, but I also had time for my outside interests – art and archaeology. There was no pressure to publish for the sake of publishing, and when I did publish, it was as a labor of love.*

What would you change about UMW? *I liked it better when we had full faculty meetings, which were akin to New England town meetings. We were still small enough that we could do that. But when we started having Faculty Senate meetings, you had a small group of people running an important component of the entire institution. We didn't get to meet faculty from other departments.*

How would you describe yourself? *I'm an exceptionally curious person, and I know I could have been happy in so many fields. I love physics, but I know I don't have to confine myself to it. I do the arts; I cross borders. In teaching, I seek connection between physics and mathematics on one hand, with the arts, music, and history on the other. The prevailing zeitgeist in society influences the artist and the scientist alike.*

What motivates you? *Curiosity about the universe, great art, great music. After* Math and the Mona Lisa *was published, an Italian publisher invited me to have a half-hour private audience, not with the pope, but with Leonardo's* The Last Supper. *That was infinitely more interesting to me, spending time communing with Leonardo. I saw new details. Leonardo was experimenting, and he was not afraid to fail. A scientist knows that: Experiments frequently fail. That's how you learn. He was the ultimate scientist doing art, and the ultimate artist doing science. When I was a student at Georgetown, I observed that the pre-med students memorized everything; I preferred the approach of physics and mathematics majors, who were looking for more insight.*

Atalay began teaching at Mary Washington in 1966 after earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgetown University. He later completed his doctorate.

What inspires you? *Leonardo's modus operandi, more so in the last 15 to 20 years. Around 4,000 to 5,000 pages of his notes have survived of the original estimated 20,000. I have gone through every one of those pages many, many times, and it's just a pleasure to see how his mind worked. He jumped from topic to topic all the time – science to art, art to science. His anatomical drawings – which he did to satisfy his own curiosity – are the best ever produced. He was essentially an uneducated, or "unlettered," man who became the most eloquent spokesman for a liberal arts education. He was quite simply the best in the myriad fields in which he delved.*

I used to publish technical papers that appealed to about 18 people in the world. But then in 2000, I was teaching a class called "Character of Physical Law." I told the students not to take notes, that I would do it. Those notes became the seeds of Math and the Mona Lisa. *None of us expected the level of success the book achieved. It was exciting material . . . it was about the real Leonardo. And I was grateful when Dan Brown (author of* The Da Vinci Code*) wrote his novel when he did. It brought Leonardo onto the big stage.*

I find travel rejuvenating. For three decades, I have given lectures about art, archaeology, astrophysics, and other subjects on cruise ships. It allows me to travel. The cruises go to many destinations; later this summer, we will sail in the Mediterranean, as we have done many times, and then in the winter to Rio de Janeiro, which I've never visited.

What are your passions? *Physics, art, architecture, history, mathematics – across the board. The intersection of art and science, of music and mathematics.*

What books have you read lately? Truth and Beauty: Aesthetics and Motivations in Science *by Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar;* The Strangest Man: The Hidden Life of Paul Dirac *by Graham Farmelo; and* A Life as a Soldier *(1972), in Turkish, by a Turkish general who was a friend of my father. I love to read biography, especially scientific biography.*

What is something you fear? *Being out of the classroom for the first time since I was 5 or 6 years old. It is a terrifying prospect. I received an email from the wife of a good friend, a successful businessman, which read: "Harvey failed retirement again. He purchased another business."*

What would people be surprised to learn about you? *I like to work with my hands, to do carpentry, and as a scientist-artist, I like to unite form and function. I built the octagonal deck on the back of our house – without nails – and I employed a cantilever design on the front part. Indian classical. I love hiking and sightseeing. My wife and I go to the Shenandoah Valley and climb a trail to the top.*

PARTY OF SEVEN

UMW's political science majors dominate national writing contest

By Lisa Chinn

Six hundred eighty-seven Pi Sigma Alpha chapters. Sixteen executive council members in the pool of judges who choose the winners of the political science honor society's annual writing awards.

One school that can claim more victories than any other.

When it comes to papers and honors theses listed as top-notch by Pi Sigma Alpha, the nation's only political science honor society for college students, the University of Mary Washington has captured the vote. Vying against students from schools across the country, those at UMW have scored seven nods – as winners and runners-up – since the competition began in 1995.

"For such a small school, this is a remarkable accomplishment," said Pi Sigma Alpha administrator Nancy McManus from the society's national office in Washington, D.C. "This is an unbelievable record for them."

From women's rights to immigration laws, the essay topics run the gamut, but students say their winning entries have at least one thing in common: They were fueled by the passion and dedication of UMW's devoted political science professors.

"I get a real kick out of taking good students...then working them through the project, seeing it evolve from just an idea to the final highly polished, first-class piece of work it usually becomes," said John Kramer, professor of political science and international affairs and department chair. "At many – especially large – universities, faculty simply will not devote the time to working with these students the way we do."

The essay winners credited professors of political science and international affairs John Kramer (right), department chair, and Stephen Farnsworth, a noted political expert who now teaches at George Mason University, as being tireless sources of inspiration, encouragement, and knowledge as they crafted their papers.

Luke Sbarra '97, here with daughter Emilia, is an attorney in Charlotte, N.C. He said writing his winning essay on marketization in China helped him develop critical thinking and communication skills.

Perhaps the proof – at least where Pi Sigma Alpha is concerned – is in the papers.

LUKE SBARRA | The first time he visited Mary Washington, **Luke Sbarra '97** felt like he belonged.

"It was an October day in the South," said Sbarra, who grew up in Port Jefferson, N.Y. "I just felt at home right away."

But the qualities that made Sbarra feel comfortable – a compact campus, small class sizes, and plenty of individual attention from professors – also put him on the spot.

"In an environment like that, you have no choice," said Sbarra, who lives in Charlotte, N.C. "You can't *not* be prepared for class."

His winning paper, "Whither China: Marketization Without Democratization," is just one example of how doing his homework has paid off for Sbarra, an attorney with the law firm of Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo. Sbarra wanted to determine if a free-market economy would develop in China as the country began to move away from communism.

The relentless revisions John Kramer made to Sbarra's paper were tough to take. But the skills Sbarra acquired in

critical thinking and effective communication helped see him through law school at Wake Forest and beyond.

These days, he spends his free time with his wife, Jennifer; 2-year-old daughter, Emilia; and their Labrador retriever, Ella. The couple are expecting their second child this fall.

When a former job had Sbarra spending too many hours at his desk without feeling like he was practicing law, he knew he had to make a change. In his current position, which allows for more family time, he works with businesses and individuals involved in product liability and trademark disputes.

"I really identify with it because I like to vindicate the rights of the client," he said. "I'm the one who's defending the little guy someone has sued."

ANNE DAUGHERTY-LEITER | Power has always intrigued **Anne Daugherty-Leiter '98**, especially *political* power and its relationship to women.

In many ways, her life after college exists between the lines of her winning paper, "Feminists and Conservative Women: From the Time of ERA to the Present."

An attorney with the State Bar of Wisconsin, Daugherty-Leiter spends much of her time editing law books, but she still works to empower women by providing *pro bono* services for victims of domestic violence.

Her essay project, which included an analysis of data from a survey of freshman English students, led her to the door of former UMW professor and noted political expert Stephen Farnsworth, now an assistant professor of communication at George Mason University who teaches courses in political communication and journalism.

Anne Daugherty-Leiter '98, an attorney in Wisconsin, examined political power in her paper "Feminists and Conservative Women." She attended Georgetown University as a Public Interest Law Scholar after graduating UMW.

"I was always impressed with his taking a huge amount of time to help this random girl who came into his office," said Daugherty-Leiter, who grew up on New York's Long Island.

Her research was fueled by an interest in the apparent disconnect between the bold, outspoken nature of women such as Phyllis Schlafly, who helped lead the conservative movement, and their anti-feminist views.

"It's interesting to me to see the dynamics of that type of personality arguing what I would say is against their own interests," Daugherty-Leiter said.

She laughs when she recalls one survey respondent who defined "feminist" as "a woman with a picket sign and no man." However, Daugherty-Leiter has never taken the issue of equal rights lightly.

After attending Georgetown University as a Public Interest Law Scholar and completing a yearlong fellowship that allowed her to focus on women's employment rights, she moved to Madison, Wis., with her husband, **Tristan Daugherty-Leiter '98**. They have a 2-year-old son, Griffin Russell.

I was always impressed with [Professor Farnsworth's] taking a huge amount of time to help this random girl who came into his office.

– Anne Daugherty-Leiter

Daugherty-Leiter also is writing a novel she hopes to finish this year. But more than a decade after graduation, she still is proud of a paper she wrote in college.

"It was a stepping stone," she said, "that helped me do some really interesting things later on."

ED EGEE | **Ed Egee '99** admits to becoming "bizarrely hooked on politics at a young age."

Egee, who grew up in Fallston, Md., was in grade school when a teacher introduced him to the importance of government. By the time he finished high school, he'd worked as a page in the Maryland Senate. And, in college, he completed several internships, including one for U.S. Rep. Herb Bateman (R-Va.)

Ed W. Egee '99 (right) works on Capitol Hill. He was a congressional intern when he first mused on how elected officials' actions affect their odds for re-election – the subject of his winning essay.

In fact, Egee, now a congressional staffer for Republican Sen. Johnny Isakson of Georgia, was in Bateman's office when he got the idea for his winning paper, "Gaining Support Through Casework: A Quantitative Study of Contractors and the Support They Give Their Representative."

As calls poured in from folks requesting the congressman's help, Egee wondered: Do the actions of elected officials, in response to the concerns of their constituents, really affect their chances of being voted back into office? His research found that actions do matter, and it caught the attention of the Pi Sigma Alpha judges – an honor Egee attributes to his paper's real-life relevance.

In ways, it even relates to the work he does today – monitoring labor negotiations, meeting with lobbyists, making speeches – as top aide to Isakson's employment and workplace safety subcommittee.

But Egee, who lives in Lake Ridge, Va., with his wife, Joy, and infant son, Wynn, hasn't let his responsibilities go to his head.

"A lot of the stuff we do ends up on the 6 o'clock news," he said, but "at the end of the day, it's just an office."

SARA BAROKAS SHALVA | Like so many, **Sara Barokas Shalva '00** was thrilled with voter turnout during the recent presidential election. But Shalva's interest in how Americans exercise that important right began long before last year.

Her winning paper, "Political Women: Participation, Orientation, and Party Identification," examined women as voters, including the relationship between their party affiliations and the types of issues that motivate them to become politically involved.

"We ran a lot of numbers," said Shalva, who lives with her husband, Benjamin, and two children, Lev, 3, and 8-month-old Avital, in Northern Virginia. "Then, as now, I feel strongly about women as a voting bloc and the importance of balancing work and family decisions, and how those values play out in the political sphere."

Sara Shalva '00 of Northern Virginia directs a learning program for young Jewish professionals. Her essay concerned female voters, the issues in which they get involved, and their party affiliations.

The more people who care, the more people who are passionate about the issues, the better America will be.

– Sara Shalva

Her introduction to the large-scale data analysis on which her project depended came in a class taught by Stephen Farnsworth, who became Shalva's mentor at Mary Washington. That experience, she said, along with the writing skills she honed as an undergraduate, helped lay the groundwork for her success at New York University, where she earned master's degrees in nonprofit management and Judaic studies.

Today, Shalva, who worked briefly as executive director of a small New York nonprofit, mentors other women in her role as director of a learning program for young Jewish professionals. She also teaches two adult education classes.

Of all the lessons she hopes to impart on others, though, the importance of participating in the political process is paramount.

"The more people who care, the more people who are passionate about the issues," she said, "the better America will be."

RYAN BALIS | Talk radio can get your mind racing and your blood boiling. But can it help you choose a college major? That's what happened for **Ryan Balis '02**, who got hooked on it in high school.

After that, "Choosing political science was a no-brainer," said Balis, who grew up in Fairfax, Va.

His winning paper, "Televised Presidential Debates and Exposure: Partisan, Ideological, and Demographic Characteristics," explored which viewers were reached most by the 2000 presidential debates and why.

"For political junkies, debates are some of the most exciting moments of the campaign season," said Balis, whose research relied on data from that year's American National Elections Study. He also benefited from "untold hours" of help from his project supervisor, Stephen Farnsworth, and on plenty of time spent at Mary Washington's Writing Center.

Work as a policy analyst for a Washington "think tank" is similar to life as a college student, except now I'm paid *to write!*

– Ryan Balis

After earning a master's degree in public policy and administration from the London School of Economics, Balis went to work as an analyst for the National Center for Public Policy Research in Washington, D.C. There, he finds and publishes free-market solutions to issues involving the environment, health care, and sovereignty.

His policy studies and opinion pieces have been published online and in newspapers in the United States and beyond.

In his job with the National Association of Counties, Erik Johnston '03, far right, frequently meets with visitors to Washington. Here, he leads some county officials through a day of policy visits with Congressional representatives.

He also writes press releases, posts blogs, and – in a twist that takes him back to his first fascination with political science – fulfills media requests on television and radio.

And his past has powered his profession in yet another way.

"Work as a policy analyst for a Washington 'think tank' is similar to life as a college student," Balis said, "except now I'm *paid* to write!"

ERIK JOHNSTON | Growing up in Southwest Virginia, **Erik Johnston '03** was considered a bit of a news nerd.

"While my brother was watching ESPN, I was watching C-SPAN," Johnston said. "They still make fun of me for that."

But the teasing didn't dull his love of politics and its connection to social justice. In the aftermath of the 2000 presidential election, one of the country's most publicized political conundrums caught his attention, inspiring his winning paper, "The Non-Voter Puzzle Solved: Weak Partisanship Explains Demographics That Do Not Match Candidate Preference."

When defeated Democratic candidate Al Gore demanded a ballot recount, Johnston, who always has been troubled by the high percentage of Americans who don't go to the polls, wondered if the participation of nonvoters could have swayed election results.

He found that, in that group, partisanship is so weak that participation would not have mattered in terms of changing the outcome. But his research *did* matter to the Pi Sigma Alpha judges, a recognition he attributes largely to the guidance of Stephen Farnsworth.

"He really helped us learn how to write papers that are respected in political science circles," said Johnston, who lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife, **Megan Highley Johnston '03**.

Now an associate legislative director for the National Association of Counties, Johnston uses the same political zeal that got him razzed as a young man to help rural communities compete in today's world.

"I care about it deeply," he said.

JUSTIN SIMEONE | Life in London was bound to be an adjustment for a guy who grew up in Tolland, Mass. – population 400. But even from his small-town beginnings,

Fulbright Scholar Justin Simeone '08 studied in Israel, in part to research high-court intervention in terror-based detention policies for his essay concerning Israel, the U.K., and the U.S. He begins work on a doctoral degree at Princeton University in September.

[John] Kramer is famous for covering people's papers in red ink. When you get a paper back from him, it can be a devastating experience, but it really just shows how much he cares.

– Justin Simeone

Justin Simeone '08, who plans to pursue a doctorate at Princeton this fall, has had his eye on the big picture.

When he realized he would complete requirements for a history degree halfway through his junior year at Mary Washington, he added political science as a second major.

His winning paper, "Crisis or Constitution? Rethinking Judicial Deference on Administrative Detention in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Israel," examined high-court intervention in the terror-based detention policies of each country.

His research took him to Israel, where he crammed in all he could about Israeli legislation. He also worked at a Washington, D.C., law firm, studied for the LSAT, and served as chairperson for Students Helping Honduras, a nonprofit that promotes community development in the impoverished country.

"I didn't sleep much," he said.

Simeone insists his essay project wouldn't have done as well without the help of UMW's passionate political science professors, including Associate Professor John Davidson.

"[John] Kramer is famous for covering people's papers in red ink," Simeone said. "When you get a paper back from him, it can be a devastating experience, but it really just shows how much he cares."

Simeone, a Fulbright Scholar who earned his master's degree in the spring from the London School of Economics, also is contemplating pursuing a juris doctorate. He hopes someday to work in academia, inspiring others – and sharing his own big picture.

"One day," he said, "perhaps I can impact other students' lives in the same way that so many UMW professors have changed mine."

Art-Chemistry Formula **Gets a Reaction Out of Grad**

Chemistry and art may seem strange head-fellows to some, but not to **Merida Marston '09**. They're a natural combination, she said, and she recently majored in both.

To get an idea of how the two disciplines meld in Marston's mind, consider that she recently made a chess board out of clay with playing pieces made from Bunsen burners and volumetric flasks. She also discovered that burettes – those tubes used to measure small amounts of liquid – make great earrings.

Her late father was a sculptor and her mother studied physics in college, so Marston feels that her love for art and science comes naturally. "I think it just runs in the family," she said. After her father died, she turned to art as therapy. Then, when she was a high school student in Richmond, a challenging teacher's chemistry class piqued her interest. "It was just fascinating to me," Marston said.

At Mary Washington, chemistry professors, noting her diverse talents, commissioned Marston to design 111 tiles representing the periodic table of the elements. She made the tiles from clay and fired them at LibertyTown Arts Workshop in Fredericksburg. The department ended up auctioning off each square during UMW's Centennial Celebration in 2008.

UMW chemistry professor Kelli Slunt said Marston surpassed the faculty's expectations, noting that few are able to balance the arts and science like Marston does. "She's very talented," Slunt said.

The Department of Chemistry commissioned Merida Marston (shown above, with one of her paintings) to make two copies of the periodic table, with each element a hand-carved 4-by-4-inch glazed ceramic tile. The chemistry and art graduate completed the first set, and the department auctioned it tile by tile during the 2008 Centennial Celebration. A UMW alumna bought the copper-element tile (right) for $500. Marston plans to complete the second set of tiles this summer and to display them in the Jepson Science Center.

UMW Students Present Campus Poverty Awareness Program at National Conference

Last winter, two UMW seniors were invited to the University of Texas at Austin for a special conference called the Clinton Global Initiative University, part of the global initiative's annual meeting sponsored by former President Bill Clinton. **Erin Kelly '09** and **Courtney Hayes '09** presented their work with the Two Dollar Challenge, an organization that encourages college students to live for a week on $2 a day to better understand global poverty. The Two Dollar Challenge – an education movement started at Mary Washington in 2006 as part of a class taught by UMW Assistant Professor of Economics Shawn Humphrey – has spread to 16 campuses.

Kelly, from Mechanicsville, and Hayes, from Leesburg, were among 1,000 students at the Austin conference, designed to address education, energy and climate change, global health, human rights and peace, and poverty alleviation. Humphrey accompanied his students.

The Global Initiative University, founded in 2007 by Clinton, solicits from participants a "commitment to action" in one of the aforementioned areas. Of 3,000 proposals of commitment to action, UMW's was one of only 70 selected to be presented. Kelly and Hayes presented the Two Dollar Challenge group's ideas, planning, and work on a Poverty Action Conference. Then two months away, the April conference at UMW would be a forum for students and experts to present their work, share best practices, and create new strategies for reducing global poverty.

In April, the inaugural Poverty Action Conference attracted U.S. students and experts to UMW.

The Two Dollar Challenge empowers students to work for policy change and raise money for specific causes. This year, the UMW project helped fund La Ceiba, a microfinance institution made up of Humphrey and his students. La Ceiba helps Hondurans obtain small business loans.

Professor Shawn Humphrey, Erin Kelly '09, and Courtney Hayes '09 were recognized for their involvement in the Two Dollar Challenge, which helps students understand and act to end global poverty.

Get the Picture?

Editor's note: "Get the Picture?" asks for your help in identifying people in vintage UMW images. The photos are part of UMW's Centennial Digital Image Archive, an interactive and searchable database that was established in conjunction with Mary Washington's 100th birthday.

The collection, which can be viewed at http://archive.umw.edu, already comprises more than 1,000 images that chronicle UMW's visual history. Some of the images in the archive are identified only partially or not at all. The archive can become more complete from the shared knowledge of UMW friends and family.

In the last issue, we asked for assistance in identifying two Mary Washington students – one male, one female – visiting on Campus Walk. We received several responses identifying the male student as Thad Mathews, who apparently transferred from Mary Washington in his sophomore year.

The female student is **Carrie Price Harper '94** of Smithfield, Va. "My classmates Mary Trocchia Rasa and Mary Scarborough Maccarelli called me to tell me I was in the alumni magazine," said Harper. (In fact, Rasa tipped the magazine off that the woman in the photo was Harper.)

Harper, who earned a bachelor of science degree in biology, has fond memories of her Mary Washington years. After graduation, she was an industrial hygienist for the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va., for eight years, and she has been a safety manager for McDonald Army Health Center at Fort Eustis, Va., for the past three years. She has been married for 10 years to Don Harper,

who has two daughters – Donna and Karen. "Donna has blessed us with two wonderful grandchildren," Harper said. In their spare time, the couple enjoys mountain biking, fishing, and traveling. "We recently celebrated our anniversary by taking a cruise to Honduras, Belize, Mexico, and the Bahamas," she added.

Thanks to all who participated. We hope to hear from even more of you about this edition's "Get the Picture?" photo, below.

Give It Your Best Shot!

In this circa 1989 photo, a Mary Washington student tries out a headset, one of the resources at the then new Simpson Library. Can you help us identify this student? Submit information by emailing abilling@umw.edu (please put "Get the Picture" in the subject line), or by sending regular mail to *University of Mary Washington Magazine* – Get the Picture, University of Mary Washington, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.

Books by **Faculty**

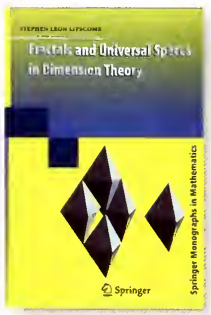
(All of these books are available in the UMW Bookstore.)

Eve's Enlightenment: Women's Experience in Spain and Spanish America, 1726-1839

Edited by Elizabeth Franklin Lewis, UMW associate professor of Spanish, and Catherine M. Jaffe, professor at Texas State University-San Marcos

Eve's Enlightenment brings together essays by leading scholars in the fields of history, art history, literature, and psychology to explore how the women of Spain and Spanish America were affected by and experienced the Enlightenment. Contributors based their insights on paintings, poetry, newspaper accounts, recorded controversies and conversations, and the lives of saints. From them, a common theme emerges: Enlightenment-era society characterized women as sentimental and passionate, while Enlightenment reformers called for rational equality for men and women. Despite this dichotomy, the women of Spain and Spanish America not only engaged in social and cultural transformations, they also played a role in moving the Spanish-speaking world toward modernity. The book is a resource for scholars of 18th-century Spanish history, literature, art history, and women's studies and is the first compilation of its kind to be published in English.

– Published by Louisiana State University Press, 2009.



Fractals and Universal Spaces in Dimension Theory

By Stephen L. Lipscomb, UMW professor emeritus of mathematics

Stephen L. Lipscomb wrote *Fractals and Universal Spaces in Dimension Theory* for a target audience of graduate students and researchers for the Springer Monographs in Mathematics series. In it, he addresses the second – or modern – period of the century-long quest for universal spaces in dimension theory. In the 1970s, Libscomb, who retired from UMW in 2003, solved the 50-year-old imbedding problem in dimension theory, and this book is built mostly on his original research.

– Published by Springer, 2009.

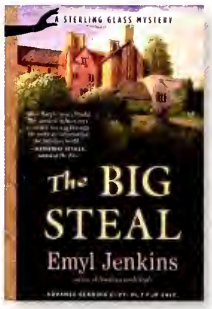
The Classroom Manager: Procedures and Practices to Improve Instruction

By Suzanne G. Houff, UMW professor of education

In *The Classroom Manager: Procedures and Practices to Improve Instruction*, Suzanne Houff guides readers in understanding and developing an effective classroom management program based on the theories of psychiatrist William Glasser. She explores his "five basic needs" – survival, belonging and love, power, fun, and freedom – and provides definitions, case studies, and practical recommendations. The book addresses such topics as cyber-bullying, communication, rewards and punishment, and cooperation.

– Published by Rowman & Littlefield Education, 2009.

Books by **Alumni**



The Big Steal

By Emyl Jenkins

Mary Louise Joslin "Emyl" Jenkins '61 follows up her popular mystery *Stealing With Style* with *The Big Steal*, a whodunit set in the genteel world of Virginia antiques. With Southern charm and a healthy dose of wit, Jenkins' character Sterling Glass, an antiques appraiser and amateur sleuth, faces a mystery in the Old Dominion. A well-heeled couple has passed away, leaving their stately home filled with treasures and antiques procured during years of exotic travels; in their absence, the manor becomes a museum. After the mansion is burglarized, Glass is called in to assess the mess of broken and missing rarities, and she discovers fakes among the valuables. In her investigation, she uncovers secret diaries, unknown receipts, and hidden rooms. Jenkins, a real-life appraiser, has a talent for teaching the antiques world to others, as evidenced in her many works of nonfiction. Readers learn from her fiction, too. She ends this book with a gift appendix to devotees – "A Quick and Easy Guide to the most Popular, and Often Found, Antiques."

– Published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2009.

CORRECTION

In the Spring issue of *The Magazine*, the title of George M. Van Sant, UMW Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, was incorrect. Van Sant is the author of the recently published *Taking on the Burden of History: Presuming To Be a United States Marine.*

Alumni Honored at Reunion Weekend

The Alumni Association honored three outstanding Mary Washington graduates during its 2009 Reunion Weekend festivities on May 30. The awards were presented by **Barbara Bishop Mann '66**, the Alumni Association's Vice President for Alumni Awards.

Young Alumnus Merit Award
Natalie Joy Johnson '00

Natalie Joy Johnson is on the road with *Legally Blonde*.

Natalie Joy Johnson earned a theater degree at Mary Washington in 2000, and has been pursuing a career in performing ever since. Following graduation, she was invited to perform with the Fredericksburg Theatre Company's national tour of *Godspell*. Since then, she has appeared with several regional and national tours as well as off-Broadway shows. Her big break came during a performance in *bare: a pop opera*, a small workshop musical that garnered a positive review from the *New York Times*, which considered Johnson's solo to be the highlight of the entire show. In 2006, Johnson was cast in a major role in the Broadway production of *Legally Blonde: The Musical*. After 18 months with that production, she is now on national tour with the show in the role of Paulette Buonofante, the beautician and confidante of the show's lead character.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award
Barbara Burton Micou '69

Barbara Micou was honored for outstanding service to UMW.

Barbara Micou has provided a broad range of service to Mary Washington and the Alumni Association. She was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 1990 and served through 1994. She has been a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors since 2001, serving as vice president for Reunion Weekend, president-elect, president, and now immediate past president. She also served on the University's Centennial Celebration Steering Committee and on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee last year. She has participated in numerous Richmond-area alumni events, and for the past year has been co-chair of the Class of 1969's 40th reunion gift committee. She recently served on the selection committee for the Alvey Scholarship, which is a full merit scholarship for out-of-state students.

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Catherine O'Connor Woteki '69

Catherine Woteki is Global Director of Scientific Affairs with Mars Inc.

Catherine Woteki is a nutritional epidemiologist whose research interests include nutrition and food safety policy, as well as health survey design and analysis. She is global director of scientific affairs with Mars Inc., a multinational food, confectionary, pet care, beverage, and health food company. She manages the company's scientific and regulatory positions on matters of health, nutrition, and food safety. From 2002 to 2005, she served as dean of agriculture and professor of human nutrition at Iowa State University. She was the first woman to be named dean of the ISU School of Agriculture, which is ranked among the world's top five research institutions in food and agricultural sciences. Previously, she served as the first undersecretary for food safety in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where she oversaw the Food Safety and Inspection Service and coordinated the development of the U.S. government's policy on food safety. She also served as deputy associate director for science in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy; in this capacity she co-authored the Clinton Administration's science policy statement, "Science in the Public Interest." She is a registered dietitian and is active in several scientific organizations, including the American Dietetic Association and the American Society for Nutrition. She is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Photos by Terry Cosgrove

The classmates of Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 gathered in front of the campanile named in her memory. Her husband, John Chappell (in the photo on the left side), was named an honorary member of the class.

Spirit Rock expressed UMW student sentiment.

Mother and daughter Patricia Hatfield Mayer '54 and Leslie Mayer Psaltis '79, whose reunions coincide, get to return together to UMW.

FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Sue Bridi '81

The past year has been a memorable one for the University of Mary Washington, and I hope many of you had opportunities to take part in the life of our alma mater.

In early April, I was honored to bring greetings on behalf of the Alumni Association during the installation ceremony of our new president, Dr. Judy G. Hample. Many alumni returned to campus for the excitement and pageantry of her inauguration. Following the ceremony, participants gathered at a celebratory reception on the terrace of the newly reopened Ann Carter Lee Hall.

A month later, on a lovely Saturday morning in May, I welcomed the Class of 2009 to our ranks. It was thrilling to look out over Ball Circle at the 1,125 graduates and their families and to share the very special experience that is Commencement at Mary Washington.

The end of May brought the second annual Alumni College, which offers "classes without quizzes" taught by Mary Washington faculty. More than 80 participants enjoyed subjects ranging from poetry to painting and from aging and the brain to social media and the economic stimulus program.

Reunion Weekend, immediately following Alumni College, attracted more than 600 spirited alumni, who enjoyed student-led campus tours, book signings by three revered professors, and many chances to connect with classmates. The signings offered opportunities to reminisce with Professor William B. Crawley Jr., Professor Emeritus Bulent Atalay, and Distinguished Professor Emeritus George Van Sant.

Alumni were enthusiastic about the "new" reunion format that includes class dinners in downtown Fredericksburg on Friday night and Saturday's lively tent picnic featuring music, class photos, and games and rides for children. It was a wonderful weekend, with alumni of all ages reconnecting with the University and one another. Nearly 80 members of the Class of 1959 celebrated their 50th reunion and also "adopted" **Concetta Mangus McKimmey '39**, who graduated 70 years ago. Several alumni from the classes of 1944, 1949, and 1954 also gathered and rubbed elbows with the younger classes from the '80s and '90s.

I hope this finds you all enjoying the summer and looking forward to another great year for Mary Washington. Make a point to attend an alumni event in your area, send news about yourself to your Class Notes agent, and plan to attend Reunion Weekend or Alumni College in 2010. We can't wait to see you!

Class of 1994 alumnae at a reunion picnic.

Class Notes

1936

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The first person to write this time was **Anna Roberts Ware**, who talked about the weather in Maryland. Here in Vermont, we have had lots of snow. It is beautiful, but we have had enough! Anna said that **Libby Phillips Roe** had been watching the Baltimore Ravens with Bill, which was quite a change for her. Bill was to have a rotator cuff operation, weather permitting. Anna was wondering how many classmates will be at the 65th reunion. I am unable to attend because of a granddaughter's wedding.

Marie Kennedy Robbins has been helping with the No One Dies Alone organization, which ensures that those without families will have someone with them during their final days. What a wonderful endeavor! **Ruth Samuel Legnini** sadly reported that **Liz Adair Fairly** passed away Feb. 16, 2009. Ruth and Liz had a very close relationship. Ruth can't believe that our 65th reunion is coming up and that we have all been connected since 1940. She doesn't travel anymore, but her thoughts will be with everyone. **Nettie Evans Lawrey** also had a sad note: **Virginia Hawley Johnson** passed away Dec. 26, 2008, in Camarillo, Calif., with her husband and children present. She had been one of Nettie's roommates. Better news was that Nettie was doing OK since her stroke, except for her bothersome short-term memory loss. She considers herself an "old lady of 88!" Nettie, we are all old! Her three children and five grandchildren are all doing fine. Grandson Matt was in his junior year at UMW and plays on the soccer team. He hopes to coach when he graduates. Nettie said it is great to have a grandson follow in his grandma's footsteps. Matt's mother will take Nettie to the reunion, where she hoped to see some of her old friends.

She heard from **Emmy Lou Kilby**. Husband Tom was doing pretty well and sent his best to all. **Elizabeth Cumby Murray** had happy news! She has a new great-grandchild, born Dec. 11, 2008. Charlotte Elizabeth Bridier was born in Boston weighing 7 pounds, and "of course, she is a doll." They had made one trip to Nantucket. Other than that, she said her life at 85 is routine. She still likes to play bridge and loves living at Sherburne Commons, a retirement facility.

> ***Marie Kennedy Robbins '44 volunteers for the No One Dies Alone organization, which helps those without families during their final days.***

I, Phyllis, was very glad to hear from some of you and so sorry for the loss of our two classmates. Hank and I are involved in various activities – church, Westminster Cares Band, etc. We aren't quite as chipper but keep going. We were both disappointed not to be able to attend the reunion. I hope somebody will report to me what I missed, and take pictures. Of course, I keep envisioning all of us as we were in 1944! The wedding that we will be attending is that of our granddaughter, who is to be married in Burlington, Vt. Notice my new email: pqhndson@myfairpoint.net.

1945

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1946

Patricia Mathewson Spring
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1947

Betty Moore Drewry Bamman
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Kathryn "Kay" Ryan talked to a young woman from UMW who was involved in fund raising. She was delighted to hear from her, as it brought back many wonderful memories of campus life in the mid-'40s. Kay resides in Ocala, Fla., and enjoyed hearing from **June Ashton Steppe**, who keeps her informed of news from old friends. Kay's five sons are all married, and she is a grandmother many times over. She planned to fly to Westchester, N.Y., and Boston this summer to visit family. She said she wished more of her classmates would send news for this column.

I have been enjoying reading *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History, 1908-2008* by William B. Crawley Jr., and I was quite surprised to read how much campus life has changed since our graduation. We didn't like Mrs. Bushnell's strict rules, but that's as far as it went! I am a volunteer tutor at the local middle school and enjoy helping a sixth-grader improve her reading. Ladies, if you are looking to give back to your communities, I recommend this.

1948

Bette Worsham Hawkins
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A note from **Norvell Millner Thomson** began with "I am giving up!" Painful as it was to admit, she said she was too old to learn how to communicate via the "new age" email. She is selling her computer and returning to the old-fashioned way. She said she's had it. I often feel the same way – all of you who use computers realize how frustrating and willful they can be! **Laura Wright Nottingham** said her life may not be "exciting," but she is thankful that she is in very good mental and physical health, works out twice a week, plays bridge, teaches Sunday school, and sings in the church choir. She is in her house on the Eastern Shore, her two sons live nearby, and a married daughter and husband living in Richmond spend weekends at their cottage in the same area. **Mary John "Johnny" Moore Payne** decided to move to Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington, Va., since her husband, Kimball, died a year ago. She was able to get a free-standing house with no maintenance for her, which she was looking forward to. Her twin great-granddaughters are a year old and a joy to behold.

Also making plans to move into a retirement home was **Frances Belman Haddock**, but first she had to deal with selling her house. She continues to be active in her church and bridge groups. **Mabs Royar Loflin** wrote that she and Paul survived the snow and cold weather of a long winter. She was looking forward to the before/during/after reunion accounts that you will be sending her (608 Carriage Drive, Beckley, W.V. 25801), which she will forward on to **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shiflett** for compilation and distribution. It was sad to learn from **Ruth Gilmer Huettel** that her husband, Joe, had a fatal heart attack while they were visiting one of their sons. He was buried in Richmond, so I know Ruth will be visiting the area from time to time, and I hope to see her. In March, **Sarah Armstrong Gregg** came to Richmond for the birthday of her daughter, who lives in Charlottesville, Va., with the whole clan gathering, and they were joined in their celebration by **Carol Byrd Williamson**. Sarah, Byrd, and I had planned to meet for lunch, but it didn't work out. I am hoping we don't have to wait until next year's birthday trip to get together.

Public radio station WHRO of Norfolk, Va., has honored **Lois Saunier Hornsby** as a pioneer in her contributions to education, citizenship, and the arts. I wish I had space to tell you of her many accomplishments that were recounted in the fine article, which Mary Washington forwarded to me for this column. Lois has a wonderful history of making a

difference in her community and deserves the many accolades she has received. **Helen Hope Harrison Mitchell** did not begin her studies at Mary Washington until fall 1945 but went to summer school two sessions and graduated with our class, so she calls herself a "betweener." She has a husband of 60 years, four daughters and their spouses, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She suffers from heart failure but still musters the strength to work in her expansive garden, which has a variety of flowers and plants. Also, she is active in her church, the Southern Virginia Rose Society, and the Dinwiddie Retired Teachers Association. One of their daughters helps her and her husband around the house, at the desk, and behind the wheel. Helen enjoys life immensely and would like to be around long enough to see the grandchildren grow up.

Eleanor "Ellie" Brackett Buse made several interesting trips in her home state of North Carolina. She spends a lot of time visiting nursing homes and is active in church affairs. A stay-at-home is the way that **Caudill Lewis Johns** described herself, though her days include trips to the grocery store and doctor, teaching a class at church, directing a choir, and doing other church-related activities. For her age and general health, she is doing great, and she wrote that if she slows down much more, she plans to turn around and keep going. **Mary Blanche "Jo" Webb Worrell** married an Air Force pilot and has moved often in her married life. She lived in Japan and, later, England, and twice her husband, whom she met in high school in Norfolk, was sent to the University of Oklahoma for graduate degrees. She is now living in Las Vegas, where she attends cultural events (it is not ALL decadent, she said), visits geriatric doctors often, takes water aerobics twice a week, and plays senior tennis twice a week. She has five children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren living in Vienna, Va., so she comes back to Virginia at least once a year.

Immediately after Hurricane Ike, **Edith Matzenger Balfe** left her Seabrook, Texas, home to spend three weeks with a daughter near Tampa, Fla., then to Maryland for two weeks with a daughter there. All three of her girls cooperated in salvaging contents of her flood-damaged home of 43 years. During all this havoc and upheaval in her life, she lost her second husband to a pre-existing condition just six weeks after the flood. Edith is doing OK and is living in an apartment in an assisted-living complex, but she doesn't like living alone. **Nancy Kauffman Cotten** left Ohio to spend January and February in Georgia, where she has family and there is no snow and ice. Her major activity is remembering birthdays and anniversaries of all her family, as she has four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

We are having a good time in Richmond with the old folks, two of them being **Jean Krug Robertson** and her husband, Inky, with whom we recently took a Westminster-Canterbury-sponsored trip to Washington. Also, we were in New York before Christmas for several days to take in a couple of shows and the beautiful windows, and we have several short trips to look forward to, maybe one more big blast before we call it quits on major traveling. Write me what you're doing while you can still remember – or maybe YOU don't find that a problem! God bless you all and thanks for keeping in touch.

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We appreciate the Christmas cards and holiday letters, from which were gleaned these items of interest.

On a dull day in Martinsville, Va., last summer, **Jean Murphy Baptist** remarked to her children that she needed a change of scenery. As a result, her son, Dan Jr., flew her in his plane to Bar Harbor, Maine, for a summer respite, to Virginia Beach in October, and out to California and New Mexico in November. Son Edward now is stationed in the Mojave Desert at Fort Irwin, Calif., where Jean and Dan enjoyed their first visit in his home with his family in seven years. "Murph" said she still had enough energy to get ready for her festive family Christmas but felt she would "fade afterwards!" After overcoming several serious health issues, **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** and Les were able to leave Stone Mountain, Ga., to travel last year. They made a 21-day Amtrak trip over 24 states, then went to Les' college reunion, attended a Sunday school retreat, spent a week with friends on St. George Island, Fla., and visited a Methodist center at St. Simons, Ga. They planned to leave on a mission trip to Honduras in January and to attend our 60th reunion in May. Jackie's recap ended with welcome words, "So, you see, my heart surgery was a success!"

Lois Saunier Hornsby '48 was honored by public radio station WHRO of Norfolk, Va., for her contributions to education, citizenship, and the arts.

Good news also came from **Elva Tate Hasher** in Mechanicsville, Va., who said she had a good year and, after her knee replacement, is now free from pain. **Dolores "Dee" Ross** was grateful as well that her cataract surgery in December was successful. **Dorothy Desmond Helfrich** added a sad note to her card, saying she had sent a Christmas card to **Joan Rekemeyer Kibbe** in North Carolina in 2007 and received a note from one of Joan's daughters reporting her mother's death in 2005. Dot added that she and Joan had been roommates in Willard our freshman year, and she was sorry to learn of her passing. (Joan was listed under In Memoriam in the spring 2006 issue of *UMW Magazine*, which Dot apparently missed.) In a lengthy Christmas letter, **Lucy Vance Gilmer** wrote that much of last year was spent attending funerals, memorial services, or visitations for relatives and longtime friends in Bristol, Va. Lucy said she was in reasonably good health, considering her age and that she has both osteoarthritis and osteoporosis. She reported happy occasions, too! She had a visit in June from one of her first Virginia Intermont College (VIC) church-daughters, spent Thanksgiving with five of the Gilmers in South Carolina, had her brother and his family for lunch on Easter, and expected their return for Christmas dinner. Her many activities included a wedding, birthday and anniversary celebrations, a family reunion, Sullins College reunion, a reunion banquet at VIC, dinner at King College, lectures and concerts, and programs with her church. In her spare (?) time, Lucy has become an avid Tennessee Lady Vols basketball fan who follows every game on TV or radio!

From Concord, N.C., **Jane Yeatman Spangler** sent a holiday letter in which she recapped a year of changes for her family, some joyful and some sad. Starting at Christmas 2007, Jane's husband, Bob, began a series of frequent hospital stays that continued as his heart condition gradually deteriorated over several months. As a happy event, daughter Janet's daughter, Kati, her husband, and their 16-month-old daughter moved to Concord just two blocks from the Spanglers in April, and their second child, a baby boy, was born in July, two days before Bob turned 80. They celebrated Bob's birthday early with the whole family present over the Fourth of July weekend. In June, Janet graduated from nursing school and became a full-fledged RN. Starting her internship as an operating room nurse, the hospital gave her a leave of absence to help nurse her dad. By the end of August, hospice also became involved, and in September, Bob quietly passed away at home. Jane wrote of the joyous memorial service at their church, saying the service and subsequent notes of tribute meant so much to them all. When Robert Jr. received a promotion to national sales manager for his company, his only regret was not being able to share it with his dad. Jane said she is keeping busy with a variety of activities, including volunteering, working at church, and playing bridge. With the support of family and friends, she was looking forward to a better year ahead.

Betty Bond "B.B." Heller Nichols, who lives in Lexington, Va., gave daughter Anne, her husband, and their four children a special Christmas present: a year-end cruise to the Panama Canal. B.B. and her brood enjoyed a safe, educational, and fun-filled trip. Not to leave out daughter Cathy and her husband, she was treating them to a trip to Ireland in the spring. Betty Bond's son, Kevin, plays bass with the TMJ Band in Kentucky and was caught in the terrible storm that swept through that state and the Midwest in February. B.B. said she was looking forward to our 60th reunion in May. **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon** wrote from Haddonfield, N.J., that she and Fred also were anticipating Reunion Weekend. While we haven't heard from the fourth member of that BFF group,

we assume that **Dorothy "Dottie" Booker Pinkham** and Dave were snowbound in Montpelier, Vt., and eagerly awaiting the spring thaw! Of course, it wouldn't be a reunion without the Best Friends Forever foursome, who have attended every one! **Hilda Jones Blakemore** wrote from Springfield, Va., that she was doing well and sent her best wishes to all. **Leora "Nehi" Knapp Moro '50** and Peter sent a lovely picture of themselves at The Homestead resort as their holiday greeting, adding that they might consider attending our 60th reunion. "Nehi" started out with us, took one semester off, and graduated a semester later; however, she's still a classmate, and we hoped they might make our special reunion.

In their new home in Palestine, Texas, **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt** and Bill had a full house for Christmas when Bill Jr., his wife, her mother, and a friend arrived from Albuquerque. They were all proud that Bill Jr. was named Employee of the Year 2008 for the New Mexico Correctional System, where he is a psychologist. Kate said they do miss the balmy weather of Houston, as Palestine is a colder clime. Both Kate and Bill had recurring colds most of the winter and were hoping for an early spring. They had a real problem with feral hogs invading their yard from the woods behind. The hogs were so destructive that the yard looked as if it had been plowed. Kate wrote, "Who would have believed [a Mary Washington] girl would end up in her old age battling wild pigs?" They planned to join forces with their neighbors to erect a hog fence along the back and hoped that works. Caring for her plants, reading, and working crossword puzzles occupy her days, and Kate spends one morning a week working in the soup kitchen sponsored by her church. She was hopeful that they might be able to make the trip back to Marye's Hilltop in May but was not sure Bill's health would permit traveling. Meanwhile, she was anticipating the preparation of what well may be our ultimate reunion booklet, as other classes no longer compile them.

Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart and Bonar sent an artistic greeting from Toronto and said they were expecting son Curtis from St. Louis and his brother, Tony, from Los Angeles to visit for the week before Christmas. Both boys were born in Toronto and love the city. The senior Stuarts planned to show the junior Stuarts the newly refurbished art gallery and museum, which they find quite spectacular. A later note from Conni in mid-February told of their plan to escape the snowy weather in Toronto. They were flying to Los Angeles to spend a month in Santa Monica near the beach with Tony and his family. She added that while flying these days is strictly for the young, they felt they deserved a warm vacation after the severe winter they had endured. At that writing, Conni doubted they could make the trip to join us in May, which truly is our loss.

> *Rosemary Miller '50 continues at age 80 to play in the local symphony.*

Mary Elwang Sharpley also was scheduled to make her annual trip south to Delray Beach, Fla., in mid-March for a balmy respite from wintry weather in Charlottesville, but would return in ample time to tend to any needed details as our reunion co-chair. In February, **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** and George went from Lynchburg, Va., to Winston-Salem, N.C., to celebrate Marion's natal day with their son, Rob, and his wife. They were to have a big family gathering in Fairfax, Va., with daughter Ann and her husband hosting the special occasion of Marion's "biggie" birthday, her 80th, which Marion admitted to "playing for all it's worth!" Turning from joyful news to sad, Marion relayed news of the death of Cecil McGlothlin, **Frances "Frankie" McGlothlin Borkey**'s brother, and that of **Ann McCausland Lyle '47**. Ann and husband, Al Lyle, had moved to Westminster-Canterbury last July, and Marion had met her briefly. She only learned that Ann was a Mary Washington alumna when reading her obit after her sudden passing in February. On a happier note, Marion said she and **Esther Reece McVeigh** continue their double-classmates status as Westminster-Canterbury co-residents and in taking still another class there, water aerobics.

Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons helped Marion celebrate becoming an octogenarian when they met for lunch. Andi also sees Betty Bond each time she has an appointment with her dentist, who happens to be Andi's son, Clay, in Lexington, Va. Clay also is B.B.'s dentist, and she meets Andi at his office and takes her out for lunch and a visit before Andi returns to Lynchburg. Since moving from Manassas, Andi has scheduled frequent trips back to tend to her nearby home, the scene of her grand finale Dulany family reunion last fall. Time, distance, and present economic conditions led to her decision to rent Inverness. With an all-out effort by her four sons, their wives, and some grandchildren, they spent a month of weekends getting everything cleaned up, cleared out, and the furniture distributed. While it was a Herculean task, there were some lighter moments, too. Sons Clay and Hal were burning a pile of trash, unaware that son Rob had thrown in a box of fire crackers, which soon ignited, sounding like volleys of rifle shots. There was a lot of laughter and sharing of memories during those weekends, and Andi said the best was knowing that favorite family furnishings went to the grandchildren, who are now setting up their own homes. Those grandchildren all have received or are working toward their college degrees, and their fields of interest are as varied as their choice of schools. Of special interest to us is the recent news that Andi's granddaughter, **Chelsea Devening**, a rising senior at Mary Washington, is one of 26 students tapped by Mortar Board, a national college honor society.

A long-awaited update came from **Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis** and Claude in Baltimore. With her lingering back problems, Anne said their travels have been limited. They did attend the McCaskill Sept Society annual meeting in North Carolina last October. On the same trip, they joined **Frances "Frannie" Houston Layton** and Roland at Linville Falls, high in the mountains of North Carolina. Anne said it rained the entire time, but she and Fran walked up to Linville Falls and enjoyed the weaving room and store at the Presbyterian school in Crossnore. Mainly, the foursome enjoyed talking and reminiscing. Not only are Anne and Fran classmates and lifelong friends, Claude and Roland share the same status, both having attended Western Maryland College (now McDaniel) in Westminster. Anne and Claude are on the waiting list for a nice retirement village, but first must sell their home. Anne said their 28-foot sailboat also was for sale. Her closing bit of news brought a smile and a happy memory. When Baltimore was blanketed with a six-inch snowfall in early March, by the same storm that covered the Eastern Seaboard, Anne said she "enjoyed sledding near home yesterday" (bad back and all)! That should evoke a fond memory of when Anne, from Miami, saw her first snowfall at Mary Washington and built her very first snowman.

When **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore**'s daughter was transferred from Charlottesville to a position with a North Carolina hospital, Betty made the decision to return to Northern Virginia to be near her two sons and other daughter there. Her home was listed with a Realtor, she'd found an apartment to rent, and she was preparing to leave Charlottesville and her close friend, **Mary Elwang Sharpley**. As reunion co-chairs, Betty and Mary had concluded their preparations for our 60th, and the Alumni Association office was geared for Reunion Weekend. We could only hope for an ample attendance by our **Fabulous Forty-Niners** . . . and good weather!

As ever, love to all of you from both of us.

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As I write this, it is beginning to look like spring, which makes me happy. I know it was a hard winter for many of you. **Rosemary Miller** in Benzonia, Mich., had more snow before Christmas than in previous years. Still playing in the local symphony, she no longer directs her church choir but fills in when needed. Rosemary celebrated her 80th birthday. She said, "And we thought Mrs. Bushnell was old at 65!!" **Barbara Lloyd Hiller**'s grandson, Kevin, who graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, is stationed in cold Minot, N.D., as a second lieutenant in the space-engineering program. Barbara and Jim spent Thanksgiving with family in Ocean City, Md., and attended Jim's class reunion in New York City. Barb is still the newsletter editor for her women's club and happily reported no medical emergencies in 2007. Unfortunately, the other member of that college suite, **Betty Gavett Breeden**, in San Diego, could not say the same: First, she had a partial right shoulder replacement; then her husband, Joe,

died in February following several hospitalizations for heart-related problems. We are so sorry for your loss, Betty. On a happier note, she made a trip to Harrisburg, Pa., to attend her 62nd high school reunion, visiting old friends and her "Eastern" family.

Nell Grieve Swanson and "Swanee" of San Diego took several nice fall trips, one to the Napa Valley, Calif., area, where they enjoyed the wine and brought some home. They celebrated Swanee's 81st birthday with a cruise through the Panama Canal. **Garland "Dorsey" Estes McCarthy** and Al of Humble, Texas, enjoyed traveling to Shreveport, La., to Diamond Jack's Casino. Dorsey said she enjoys the pool and the entertainment and has fun at the casino; she has won $300. **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** in Pennsylvania was happy to report that her husband's Parkinson's appears to be stabilizing. She had cataract surgery and was considering a cochlear implant in 2009. They still have many family gatherings. Barb loves to play bridge and is a devoted library patron.

Marge Diener Knapp was enjoying her new surroundings near Doylestown, Pa. She found a church home with lovely people. She missed the choir activity in her previous church, so she joined the Singing Seniors at the Heritage House retirement home in Doylestown, though she does not reside there. She also enjoys the friendship of the other members and former church choir members. **Helen Hopkins Timberlake** was keeping busy with her house and yard. Son Glenn, who lives about 80 miles south, has been a big help. Helen was enjoying the wildlife near her – an eagle's nest in the marsh across the street as well as tropical birds, frogs, and lizards at the lake behind her home. **Anne "Ozzie" Osborn** and Frank still have their business but have had some health problems. Ozzie takes insulin and had eye surgery, hoping to save her vision. Frank had a poolside fall and was struggling to regain strength in his arm and hand after therapy.

After **Billie Mitchell Hanes** and Dick returned from a trip to Spain in spring 2007, they learned that their daughter, Diana, a happily married mother of four in Vermont, had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She was undergoing rigorous chemotherapy treatments, and they were hopeful. Billie and Dick have eight grandchildren, who are growing fast – four in college, three in high school, and one starting middle school. **Nan Riley Pointer** fell in her house about nine weeks before Christmas, fracturing her pelvis. She improved quickly and was able to do some holiday shopping. She was staying active in her United Methodist Women group and in the International

For 'Woman of the Year,' **Volunteering is the Busy-ness of Life**

Peter Cihelka/*The Free Lance-Star*

The Woman's Club of Fredericksburg named Betty Blaisdell Woman of the Year for her boundless volunteer and community service work.

Betty Jefferson Blaisdell '52 was involved in radio, forensics, a town girls' club, theater productions, and Baptist Student Union during her four years as a day student at Mary Washington.

Her schedule also included working weekends at a downtown department store and baby-sitting professors' children to help make ends meet at home. By her standards, she really wasn't overdoing it during those four years.

But more than five decades later, Blaisdell, 76, may – believe it or not – be even more involved in community activities.

She certainly hasn't slowed down since her retirement from a long career as a teacher and administrator for Fairfax County, Va., schools. Since then, she and her husband, Preston Blaisdell, have moved back to Stafford County, Va. They both now shoehorn dozens of community, church, and volunteer activities into their schedules.

For Betty Blaisdell's tireless volunteerism and service to the Fredericksburg area, she was recently named Woman of the Year by the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg. "I cried when I got it," Blaisdell said. "I couldn't believe I was selected."

But to other club members, the choice of this energetic extrovert was obvious.

She volunteers with the Salvation Army Woman's Auxiliary, working on holiday and camp programs. She helps teach an after-school program for at-risk elementary school children. She is a deacon and Sunday school director for Fredericksburg Baptist Church. And she recently tutored a group of African refugee children newly arrived in the United States.

She is a longtime Woman's Club member, too, and, as its president in 1993 and '94, established a scholarship program for students at Mary Washington, Germanna Community College, and James Monroe High School.

Blaisdell and her husband helped initiate the ElderStudy program 16 years ago at UMW, and their occasional trips back to campus evoke vivid memories.

She still has her white Mary Washington beanie – a cap that freshmen of the day were required to wear when crossing campus. And she is careful not to step on the grass for fear of offending the spirit of legendary Dean of Women Nina Bushnell.

Blaisdell recalled, too, the required swimming class that compelled her first-ever venture into a pool. She remembered that the professor carried a long stick to help fish out anyone who panicked in the deep end.

Today, she is proud that one of her six grandchildren is also a Mary Washington student. Daniel Messplay is a member of the Class of 2012. She hopes he will reap the benefits of a liberal arts education that meant so much to her.

It wasn't merely the foundation of a successful career in education, she said. It was the basis for a well-rounded life. She studied English and history, and she discovered a lifelong passion for literature – "the world of wonderful books," she said.

No matter how busy her schedule is, Blaisdell still finds time to read.

– Laura Moyer

Order of The King's Daughters and Sons. She is the group's international vice president/spiritual life director. Nan was in touch with **Eleanor Sullivan Lewis**, who has had several hospital stays.

One of the highlights of 2007 for **Gerry Boswell Griffin** was a visit with her daughter, Judy, and son-in-law in Phoenix. Judy was recovering from eight months of treatment for breast cancer and was looking well. They visited the Grand Canyon, Sedona, and other spots around the Phoenix area. Gerry was pleased that as a member of the Eight-O club, she is still healthy and active. She was volunteering at the library and the community food bank, as well as attending exercise class. She joined the Davidson College Presbyterian Church, and in spring 2007 the family had a small service to place husband Dave's ashes in the church columbarium. **Patti Head Ferguson** wrote that the celebration of Glenn's life was perfect – weather, music, tents, flowers, food, and especially having family and friends from around the world in attendance. After four days of celebration, she took a trip to Russia and Kenya and spent Christmas with the family in Belize. **Carol Bailey Miller** has adjusted well since Bill's passing. She attended a Virginia Horse Council meeting near Staunton, Va., where she enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new people. She was doing some judging again. Her area had a snowstorm in March that left her without power for several days. She was undergoing therapy for her right shoulder, which had two major tears and limited range of motion. She commented, "Old age is not for sissies."

On that note: Happy birthday to all us 80-year-olds, and I hope our age will not keep us from our next reunion, which will be June 4-6, 2010, the weekend after Memorial Day. Mark your calendars, and, meanwhile, send me some news.

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I haven't received news from anyone. Hope everyone is doing OK. Can you believe we have been graduated for 58 years? Have a great rest of the year.

My best,

Rosie

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Thanks to all of you who came to my aid with a new computer as I was collecting news. It is always a pleasure to see familiar email addresses in the inbox, but often the news is troubling. Predictably, some classmates are facing health issues, readjusting their lives, and restructuring their comings and goings; others continue to report busy times as they participate in family and community activities.

Betty Mason Roper reported that **Connie Bennett Elliott** was battling cancer again. When I called Connie, her husband, Gene, returned the call, saying Connie's breast cancer of five years ago returned in 2008 and metastasized to the liver. She had been on weekly chemo since November and was hospitalized for swelling in her ankles. Email me for Connie's address. **Peggy Ellis Gill**'s husband, Paul, called with the tragic news that Peggy fell down the stairs, resulting in a spinal cord injury that left her paralyzed from the neck down. She may have entered the Massachusetts General rehab program by now. Paul asks that we not send cards; emails (jgillmere@earthlink.net) will be much appreciated since she will be able to read them from the screen. **Ginny Poole Kinniburgh** and John spent a traditional Christmas in Virginia this year with family activities, worship, and musical shows. In February, a trip to Florida allowed John to attend the Daytona 500. **Betsy Dickinson Surles** and Jesse went to Williamsburg for pre-holiday R&R; unfortunately, she tripped over a car buttress and they missed seeing the lights turned on, instead spending hours in the ER to have her shoulder put back in place. In mid-March, she was in her last four weeks of therapy, and they planned to visit the Colonial capital in April.

Nell McCoy Savopoulos described herself as "an old tire rolling down the road blowing tread and needing patches." During a physical exam, she found out that she had been walking around for 10 days or more with a pulmonary embolism, which could have killed her! She has now joined the "Coumadin crowd." The travel bug must have bitten **Deigh Renn Simpson** after our 55th reunion. She went to Colorado, spent New Year's on the Eastern Shore, had company at her place, traveled to Texas to visit relatives, and went to Florida to see the space shuttle launch. She enjoyed a visit from **Barbara Faxon Stout** and her husband, Hal. Barb and Hal had spent a day in Norfolk aboard the *USS Stout* at the captain's invitation. The ship, named for Hal's father and commissioned in 1994, has been the site of some interesting, fun occasions for the family. **Ginny Bailes** was waiting out the "never-ending winter" as she wrote from Strasburg, Va. She had no plans to leave, with a "paid-off mortgage and a paid-off car." She kept up with her former roommates, **Kitty Obenshain**, who was spending the winter in Florida, and **Betty Ruth Anderson Buck**, who was preparing for a trip to South Africa.

Peggy Hopkins Johnson took a relaxing cruise with her sister, visiting the Panama Canal, Aruba, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Grand Cayman. When she is at home in Fredericksburg, much of her time is devoted to taking care of Dick's health needs. She takes him to the YMCA for therapy with a trainer three times a week. Peg plays tennis twice a week, is in two bridge clubs, and participates in a poker/Tripoley group. She is active in her church and keeps up with what's happening on campus. **Alberta "Bert" Shelton Stornetta** said she is "in over her head" writing a history of Arnold, Md. With no documentation in local archives, she spends her time taping oral interviews, collecting family pictures, and looking up old deeds and newspaper articles. Her acquired expertise in matters historical has led her to be church historian, where she chairs the 150th anniversary committee. Her many years of volunteer service to her church – director of the hand bell program, head of a quartet, director of a two-octave choir of mothers and daughters, and in charge of a five-octave concert group – surely contributed to her receiving the Exemplary Community Leadership Award from the Anne Arundel County Council. We're proud of you, Bert!

Alberta "Bert" Shelton Stornetta '53 is writing a history of Arnold, Md., and received a leadership award from the Anne Arundel County (Md.) Council.

Bert chats with **Winnie Hundeman Schurek** regularly. Winnie was using her musical skills again, playing organ, piano, and hand bells at the local Lutheran church. She and Bert planned a visit in May when the Stornettas stopped by on their way to see their granddaughter graduate from Wheaton College in Massachusetts. **Garnett Bell Crawford** reported a summer of reunions in Rhode Island, beginning with a three-day family reunion. She and **Carol Smith Boyes** are cousins, so UMW was well represented. The other reunion celebrated 60 years out of high school for Garnett, where she met up with her seventh-grade boyfriend! At home, she and Norm were staying busy with their church and Salisbury University events, especially the school's sports program. Last summer, **Betty Mason Roper** and her husband enjoyed a visit with **Kathryn Garland Obenshain** and her husband. A highlight of the visit was listening to Kitty play the piano, especially her renditions of old gospel hymns. Betty said her arthritis keeps her from playing now. In Kitty's message, she reported that she was finally ready to retire – from Radford University and the church. What an impact she has had on the music scene in Southwest Virginia! **Betty Raynor Pittman** is still in Charlottesville, and she and Pitt stay busy with church, community, and family activities. Last fall, their granddaughter was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She had surgery at U.Va. and after recuperating was able to return to Mary Baldwin College under medical supervision. Betty and Pitt were looking forward to getting away to Peaks of Otter or Big Meadows in the spring.

Life at our house changed last fall when our oldest daughter, Anne, put her stuff in storage in Virginia Beach, loaded her two cats and two dogs in her car, and headed for our home in Staunton, Va. What might have been a traumatic event for all concerned turned out to be a blessing! She gave up her real estate business and moved in with us while pursuing a new endeavor. We took

advantage of having her act as dog sitter and spent a week on Sanibel Island, Fla., in January.

Last night, I called **Nancy Melton Miller**, and we laughed for an hour. How we miss our get-togethers with Peg Johnson! Mobility is somewhat of a problem for Nancy now, but attitude surely is not. She is still counseling once a week and getting out with friends some. We could all use an infusion of her spirit!

1954

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First of all, congratulations to all of us for our superb showing in the last UMW *Annual Report of Gifts*, and special thanks to **Mary Ann Dorsey Judy** and **Nancy Root Skinner** for whipping us together.

Helen Hodges Conte has continued work with the Chesapeake Bay Conservancy and the USDA's Soil Conservation Service on a joint project to protect the Potomac Watershed. This involved building a bridge over her stream, fencing the water from cattle, digging a well, a reservoir, and a solar-heated watering station. She continues to take classes at Frederick (Md.) Community College with day trips to Gettysburg and Harrisburg, Pa., and Harpers Ferry, W.Va. Two recent classes on the culture and current events of the Middle East have been most interesting. She has also taken trips with the Frederick County Historical Society to Mount Vernon, Va.; Lancaster, Pa.; and Washington, D.C.'s Georgetown. Besides her new position as vice president of the auxiliary at her church's retirement community, she has volunteered to help organize and catalogue the 260-year-old church archives. Continuing her genealogy research, she recently acquired records that take one family line back to the 1600s.

A Christmas card from **Ann "Lewie" Payne Long** reported an interesting trip to the Falkland Islands in February. In September, she and Wayne went around the Horn and on to South America. The Horn was relatively quiet and the glaciers very blue. **Nancy Hoffman Eidman** and Fred also went around the Horn in March with Elderhostel. They stopped at Tierra del Fuego, went on to the Falkland Islands, then north to Buenos Aires; Montevideo, Uruguay; and Rio de Janeiro. In September, they spent two weeks in Geneva with their son, Kirk, who has worked there this year. They rode the Glacier Express and saw the Matterhorn and the Jungfrau. Nancy has had a couple of paid commissions to do ecclesiastical embroidery. They both continued to be active in church work, a concert series, and astronomy. They were looking at retirement communities and have begun the dreaded job of downsizing possessions.

Helen Hodges Conte '54 works on a project to protect the Potomac Watershed.

I hope the next newsletter reports a terrific attendance at our reunion. Thanks to all the contributors for this issue.

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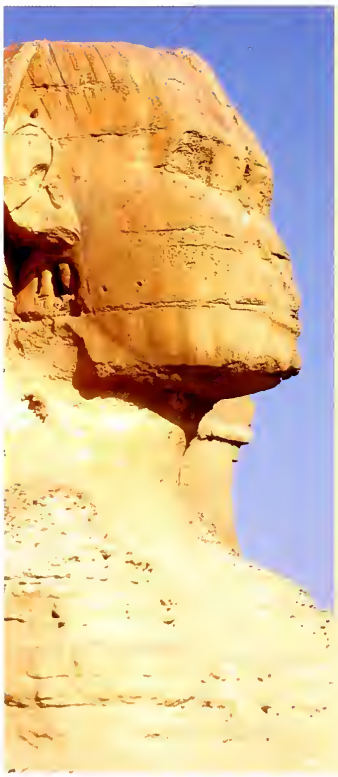
Happy summer! With the downturn in the economy, working more and traveling less are in my future, as the retail world continues to suffer. I'm still hanging in there, but it isn't as much fun as it used to be. My part in stimulating the economy was to buy a new washer and dryer. All the pleading, kicking, and moaning over the old machine could not bring it back to life. I do hang on until the bitter end. My other news is that I had a nasty bout with the flu, like so many others.

For those of you who don't have email, please write or phone me with your news. Upcoming deadlines are July 15 and Nov. 15. I don't mean to ignore anyone, and your news is all important to me. With that in mind, I'll begin with the emails from January and work up to March 2009.

From **Joan Kleinknecht**, news of her travels: In May she planned to go to Rio de Janeiro to paint, and in the summer she was to visit Vermont to study painting. In October, she will head to the French Riviera to paint once again. She said her artistic bent developed in her senior years. In the summer, she was planning to visit her nephew and family in Seattle. He is the boy she raised and she considers him her "sun."

Ann Grubbs Blitchington and Frank's recent trips have included China and Russia. When in the U.S., Ann is a leader in Community Bible Study and does volunteer work at an assisted living facility, while keeping up with her eight grandchildren. Her oldest grandson planned to be married in March. "Happy New Year" from Fran and **Sally Hanger Moravitz**. They sent a wonderful picture of the both of them with the whole clan. They were on a cruise on the *Mariner of the Sea*, which looked most luxurious and posh. It was a 50th anniversary celebration one-and-a-half years early! From an email received on March 15: Sally hosted a lunch for **Mary Kate Bird Dellit** and **Colleen O'Rear Lewis**. Mary Kate was on her way home to Arizona from Cancún and managed a layover to have lunch with the ladies. Mary Kate was traveling a lot and planned to spend the Christmas holidays in Hawaii.

From **Charlotte Fisher Klapproth**: She and Chris both caught flu and had to cancel a trip to Florida because of it. They planned to drive to Cincinnati in May to visit two couples they spent time with in Germany last summer. **Polly Stoddard Heim** wrote that she and Ken visited with **Joan Membert Shropshire** and her husband in the Tucson area while the latter escaped from snowy Wisconsin. Joan was in the pre-nursing program at Mary Washington for two years and lived in an eight-girl suite at Cornell Hall, just below campus. She would like to



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hear from any others who were there freshman year. Polly said Tucson was a good place to be in the winter, but she and her husband did return to Florida to celebrate her 75th birthday. In mid-April, they were to leave for Idaho for eight months.

Interesting news from **Kathleen Clarkson Barlow**: At Christmas she asked for and received a copy of *University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History 1908-2008* by William B. Crawley Jr. She was on page 686 and found it to be interesting and well written. She was glad to have attended Mary Washington in the 1950s. She enjoyed dorm life at Ball Hall and is thankful for the wonderful education she received as an English major. Her favorite professors were Drs. Whidden, Black, and Bolling. She wonders about others' thoughts on same. She was sorry about the demise of the all-girl marching band. As for travels, no new trips for her family until their new member, a beautiful sable collie, gets settled in.

Condolences to **Barbara Trites Peterson** on the death of her husband, John, on Dec. 28. She said she has resumed all her activities. She recently had a nice chat with **Eileen West Grenfell**. Barbara also planned to see her grandson play two baseball games in Alexandria, Va. He will be a freshman at Old Dominion University in the fall. **Betsy Land Johnson** and her oldest daughter took a "fascinating" trip to Israel the first two weeks of January, right at the beginning of the big Gaza-Israel conflict. It didn't affect their tour until the final day, when their journey would have taken them within a 30-mile range of Gaza. Since this was "rocket range," the tour company rerouted them to the east.

From Fountain Hill, Pa., **Betty Davis Barnes** wrote that she and Bob celebrated their 50th anniversary several years ago, and their children have moved westward – one in California and one in Utah. Both turned out to be very good in business and management. Betty is a retired schoolteacher. She went to graduate school at 39, began teaching, and remained in the field for 26 years. She said she retired at a good time, before testing became the be-all-and-end-all of education. Her husband retired several years earlier after being a professor at Lehigh University. Betty then became a weaver of sorts and a hand-spinner as well as a knitter. She designs sweaters and writes patterns, and still manages to travel occasionally. Good news from **Pat Seitz Hartel**: Her real estate work has picked up. She said her area has seen a decline of only 2 to 5 percent. So, anyone who needs real estate help in the Philadelphia-Main Line area, contact Pat in Wayne, Pa.

End note from Chris: Bill Crawley's *Centennial History* mentioned above got me to thinking about the 1950s and my four years at Mary Washington. I loved every minute of it, from the education and the professors to the lifelong friends I made. I don't see many of my classmates often, but when I do, I fall back into the same patterns once shared by all. *The Bayonet* was rife with many no-no's, and I regret that I cannot locate that little tome, which was to be read and obeyed. We survived and learned some niceties of life, such as thank you notes and manners, most of which are few and far between today. If I see anyone once more with a camisole top, gut hanging out over low-rider pants (down to you know where) plus cell phone glued to one ear, I swear I'm going to deck them with my purse. So thank you, Mary Washington, for not only giving me a good education but also for instilling in me a modicum of good taste.

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I was saddened to hear of the death of **Julie Smith Cooke**. After a lengthy illness, she died Jan. 20, 2009, at her home in Pasadena, Calif. She leaves her husband of 48 years, Bob Cooke. **June Tingler Buie** spoke at her funeral. Julie taught reading, and in retirement worked tirelessly for the Reading Is Fundamental organization. She spent most summers throughout her life with family at her parents' beach home on Block Island, R.I.

Beth Poteet Pollard got a group together in Petersburg, Va., for **Angela Walton Barksdale**'s birthday. Angela is downsizing and moving to Richmond, where her son lives. A daughter lives in Staunton, Va. Beth's youngest son gave her a new grandson last fall. Angela saw **Red Rosanelli** and **Turner Christian Richardson** at a tea given by **Stokey Saunders Scott** at Westminster-Canterbury, where she and Russell recently moved. **Betty Davies Morie** and Paul are also enjoying their youngest grandbaby, while **Suzie Heap** has become a great-grandmother. Betty and Paul will attend an annual reunion on North Carolina's Outer Banks with her family, which includes her sister, **Peggy Davies McCartney '54**, and her sister-in-law, **Shirley Mason Davies '60**.

> ***Micki Foley McDaniel '56 helps with English as a Second Language classes.***

Tim and **Micki Foley McDaniel** visited Dick Gray, who was married to the late **Corky Slater Gray**. While in San Diego, they ran into **Judy Smith Hermanson**, who was visiting her son, Peter. Later, they caught up with Peter and **Barbara Clark Fowler**. Micki's latest endeavor is helping with ESL classes for Hispanics. Judy visited her daughter in Tucson in March and was joining **Hermie Gross Fox** for a visit to Hawaii. Hermie has covered the globe in her many travels; the latest plan was a trip to Russia in July with her sister, followed by a trip to the Trinity Alps of Northern California with her daughter and family.

Sara Bowles Gallagher sends greetings from Culpeper, Va., where she lives and enjoys her part-time work in the lab at Culpeper Regional Hospital. She is in touch with **Anne Urquhart Litvak**, who is contemplating a move from New Jersey to North Carolina, where her son lives. **Frieda Headley Byrd** wrote to me while visiting her daughter in Richmond. She was on her way to her old home on the Northern Neck. Frank and **Meg White Fary** have placed their home on the market and are planning a move to High Point, N.C., from Blowing Rock, where they are deeply involved with church and community. **Carol Carter** lives in South Carolina after 30 years teaching in Virginia, Connecticut, and Raleigh, N.C. She came to college from Connecticut, but her parents were from South Carolina. Sounds like my story, arriving at Mary Washington from Pennsylvania and living now and for years in Virginia. **Lou Ann Ashby Steffey** celebrated her 52nd anniversary with husband Jerry in March and reminisced about dancing under the stars on the C Shoppe Terrace with that handsome Marine! **Barbara Strangmann Hiscock** spent two winter weeks in Florida and last fall became a riverboat enthusiast on a two-week Elderhostel trip to Portugal and Spain. She looks forward to her granddaughters' visit this summer.

I am owned by two cats who adopted me in fall 2007, and am happy to be working with the local historical society, volunteering at the food bank, and writing my "Out of the Attic" column for the local paper. My son, Tom, is moving back to our nation's capital, where he will serve as chief of staff to an assistant secretary with the Department of Commerce. Glad to have him closer to me! Thanks to all who wrote. Now, I am expecting to hear from those of you who enjoy this column but have not contributed to it!

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Dear classmates: My apologies for missing the last issue. I didn't realize that one was due. As time passes, more classmates and their spouses will leave us. We trust that they are at peace. Dear **Mary Lamb Belnap Cohen** died in September. **Emma Hefford Suber**'s husband died unexpectedly last May. **Vickie Majure Souder**'s husband, Bill, died this past fall. **Pat Falkenbury Cook**'s husband, Ross, died in July. She receives much comfort and support from her church and their granddaughters and grandson. Pat's twin, **Bobby Falkenbury Wright**, and family are well.

It is 50th wedding anniversary time. What could be more romantic than this? Celebrating on the *Queen Mary* in black tie! That was **Erna Maclaughlin Lawrence** and husband Kent en route to London to visit old friends. They continued their celebration in Mexico with all the children and grandchildren. Erna invites us to visit when we're in Boston. **Betsy Jones Ware** and husband, Latene, relived their honeymoon at The Cloisters. This is after hosting a grand party in Richmond. **Barbara Dill Montgomery** will follow suit this summer. They are also taking all the children and grandchildren to The Hotel Hershey in Pennsylvania, where the girls will enjoy a spa day. The 17-year-old granddaughter chooses to be dipped in chocolate! The boys will play golf.

I talked to a happy and contented **Jo Markwood Moore**. She and her husband enjoy their four grandchildren, who live in Richmond and Chapel Hill, N.C. **Sandy Ball** is an avid opera fan and is active on the Austin (Texas) Board of Trustees. She also helps plan scientific conferences to aid the environment. She always was about helping others.

I end this note with some recommendations from classmates. YES to meditation and NO to liposuction and laser surgery to remove face wrinkles. **Jane Watson Rawlings** has the last word: "It's upward and onward for the Class of '57!"

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Anne DePorry McGrath sent a note that the 2008 reunion photos may still be viewed on line at www.mwc58.blogspot.com, and that the official 2008 Reunion Photo has been added. She has also posted earlier class reunion photos. I received a Christmas card and a phone call from **Sherrill Massie Judd**. She was surprised to see a photo of herself eating a hot dog in the *UMW Magazine*. She looked like she was really enjoying herself. Sherrill, her husband, and daughter split time between their home in Richmond and in Edinburg, Va., where they plan to eventually retire.

Barbara Thompson Patterson and her husband, Gene, celebrated their 50th anniversary last June. Gene feels lucky that he never had to land a plane in the Hudson River in his 32 years of commercial flying. Barbara said they have enjoyed living in South Florida, especially last winter. Her daughter and family live in Miami. The "boys" and their families are in Houston, Texas, and Oakland, Mich. **Lucile "Lucy" Geoghegan Cheshire** sent congratulations to the "class on the eagle." She is pleased to report that her granddaughter, **Anne Elder**, was a freshman at UMW this 2008-2009 academic year. It dawned on her that Anne entered UMW the year it was celebrating its 100th year and our class was celebrating its 50th year. In October, Lucy and her husband, Bill, visited **Martha Kimball Hearn Johnson** in Fredericksburg. On the way home to North Carolina, they stopped for a few days to visit **Jean Lee Anderson Chapman** and her husband, Rodney. Many memories were recalled and more were made.

Now that **Jean Lee Anderson Chapman** is retired, she wrote that she never seems to have enough time to do everything she would like to. In July 2008, Jean, her husband, his sister, her sisters, and four friends took a safari to Tanzania. She said it was a trip of a lifetime. They also managed a day in Amsterdam, where she was able to visit the home where Anne Frank lived. In November she went with her sister, Helen, to Paris, and she went camping with their sister, Reba. She belongs to the Sportsmobile Social Club. They visited the Gettysburg Visitors Center. She found time to go to the beach with family. Jean spends time making quilts and playing bridge. Her mother, who will be 94 in May, continues to live in Charlottesville, Va. She also plays bridge and is doing very well. Jean is currently in a chemo study for melanoma, which she said was in her leg and moved to her lung. She is thankful for each day and the ability to continue her daily activities. **Kay Ruth McMillan** will be visiting in March. Lucy and Bill Cheshire have also visited.

It was a time machine experience at the 50th reunion for **Ruthie Ridge Griggs**. She said tears flowed as she hobbled to the third floor at Framar (a knee replacement was scheduled for the following Monday), then to Curtis Hall (where the lumpy mattresses looked familiar). It was heartwarming to reunite with the girls and to share memories of the college train trip to Eisenhower's inauguration. Other memories included eating at Howard Johnson's, Scotties, and the Circle. And those Quantico Marines were a topic of conversation. Ruthie said that her roommate, **Jean Miller Whitfield**, died in May 2008 and that she and **Nancy Snook** wrote a Mary Washington eulogy. Ruthie ended her letter with the question we're all asking: "Where did the time go?"

Judy Townsend Bainbridge was sorry to have missed our reunion last June, but her new replaced knee was giving her problems. Judy published two books last fall. One was an illustrated coffee table history of Greenville, S.C., the other a commissioned history of the Furman Co., a 120 year-old-real estate firm. For the past 10 years, she has written a biweekly "Greenville Heritage" column for the *Greenville News*. Last spring, Judy and her husband jointly won a special award of merit from the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation for their work in saving and publicizing the state's historic buildings. Judy's comment was, "Sort of strange how an English major from New Jersey gets into these things." **Nancy Doner Salmon** shared that she and husband Fred had such a wonderful time getting together with classmates. She sent her thanks to all the people who worked so hard to make it a very pleasant reunion. She and **Mary K. Townsend Bates Rupe** enjoyed being together. **Mary Lou Morris Wolsey** wrote it is hard to believe that it has been a while since she was last in Virginia. Her mother died at age 99 in spring 2004, and she has not been back since the funeral in Farmville, Va., five years ago. She remembers seeing the changing seasons and enjoying being with other relatives. Her brother and family group all live in Newport News, Va. She would regularly bring groceries back with her to Minnesota, as many things are not available out there in the frozen tundra and land of lutefisk.

Judy Townsend Bainbridge '58 published two books, one a history of Greenville, S.C.

Mary Lou has kept in touch with **Millard "Chick" Hallatt** of North Fort Myers, Fla., and **Ann Flanagan Gregory** of Virginia Beach, Va. Ann received accolades this past summer when she retired as an organist and music director at Pungo United Methodist Church after 50 years of steadfast and loyal dedication. She and David are delighted to be grandparents now. Good news from **Elizabeth "Betty" Gould Storms**: Her husband, Bob, who was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2008, has regained his health after surgery and chemotherapy. They visited their son, Robert, and his family for Thanksgiving in North Carolina and their daughter, Susan, and her family, in Texas. Granddaughter Stacy graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Texas Tech in mid-December. Eldest granddaughter Kristen announced her engagement. Betty said plans are under way for Kristen to complete a master's degree in May and to be married the next weekend. Betty and Bob are enjoying the time they spend traveling.

Please keep those cards, letters, emails, and phone calls coming, as I have another deadline in July for the Fall/Winter issue. REMINDER: Please include the name you used at Mary Washington in addition to your current name.

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There were two big events recently for **Gloria Winslow Borden**. First, she sold her house and moved in May to a single-family house in an over-50 community. Second, she had both knees replaced. Progress is good, but she is still healing and her energy is low at this point. Gloria's son, Cliff, and his wife, Lynda, and Gloria's daughter, Cynthia, and her husband, Rob, helped with all the new house projects. Gloria's daughter, Caroline, and three of Gloria's granddaughters were the rehab team. Traveling was minimal this past year – to the rodeo in March, The Homestead in Virginia in the summer, and three trips to New York City during the year. In December, she planned to visit all three families in California.

Cecile Duncan Folan's family had a large reunion in Florida. Her son, Matthew, graduated from dental school. He and wife Lesley and their daughter, Meg, have moved to Savannah, Ga. In June, Cecile helped her sister celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary by accompanying her on a cruise. They had a great time. Cecile's family trip to Myrtle Beach was terrific. And the "trip of a lifetime," wrote Cecile, was to South Africa in September. She is still carrying the photos. All her family planned to be in Fredericksburg for the holidays. **Catherine Swaffin Howard** sent a photo of all seven grandchildren. Everyone looked healthy and happy! Christmas cards from **Jane Howard Buchanan**, **Anne Saunders Spilman**, and **Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs** brought news that all is well.

Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman's daughter, Julie, has three children. Austin won an honors scholarship to the University of Alabama. He is the No. 2 long distance runner in the state. His sister, Francie, is a high school

junior and a cheerleader. Sarah is 11 and enjoys hanging out with Pug. Jeffrey's children are Smylie and Luckie. They have received recognition in their effort to raise money for Kids versus Cancer. Junior golfers joined them this year. They raised $61,000 for cancer research. How wonderful! Smylie is a high school junior and won the USGA award for outstanding citizen. He and Luckie, a freshman, are playing basketball for a change of pace. Pug continues her hospital volunteer work with the palliative care unit at University of Alabama-Birmingham. She and Alan had a great river cruise from Budapest to Prague. Their football trip this year was to Boston for the Harvard-Yale game. They had a grand time.

Julia Coates Littlefield and Mo's first granddaughter, Mary Graham, was born on Aug. 26, 2008, in Augusta, Ga., to their son, Scott, and his wife, Susan. She joins Christopher, her big first-grade brother. Bess and Mike, Julia and Mo's daughter and son-in-law, and their son, 15-year-old John Henry, all planned to be together for a rare family reunion on Christmas weekend. The year 2008 found Julia and Mo involved in church and committee meetings, choir practice, golf games, trips to Nags Head, N.C., Jekyll Island, Ga., and family visits to Maine and Delaware. Mo gave Julia fly-fishing lessons for their 46th wedding anniversary. **Joan "Joni" Whittemore Loock** and Jim went to Cancun for a week in February, and they stayed two weeks in Playa del Carmen in October. They planned to go to St. Maarten in March. Last summer, they traveled to Waynesville, N.C., for an All Senior Golf outing and then on to Virginia Beach to visit their daughter, Mary Marden. They had a very enjoyable two-week visit from their grandson, Logan, who managed not to get homesick. In August, they were off to Madison, Wis., to visit Kristen and Sarah's families. Jim has continued to do some consulting work this year, and Joni continues her two days with Coldwater Creek. She said the pay is not much, but she has a fantastic wardrobe!

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners have slowed down a little. They were continuing hiking, traveling with an Elderhostel program, touring coastlines with naturalists, and walking through charming old towns with historians. They spent a week with Jack's family in Washington and hiked in the Cascades. They have taken a variety of classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Maryland. Mary takes Pilates, weight training at Oasis venue for seniors, and attends performances there also. She is volunteering for her 16th year at the Audubon Naturalist Society. She mentors 6- and 7-year-olds in reading. There are great get-togethers with the family since there are eight grandchildren. Four are in college; one graduates this May. This year, Mary also took a first-time visit to Long Island with her sister to see her nephew and family and the sights there. In February of this year, Mary and Jack traveled to Puerto Rico on their 17th Elderhostel vacation.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers wrote that Don had a minor stroke while sitting in the doctor's office in January. All is well now, but it was a scary time. Last January, she went on her annual ski trip with friends, and in February she took a trip to Nashville. In the spring, Irene met **Carol Agesen Dunigan** for lunch in Connecticut and **Kay Rowe Hayes** and **Texie van Devender** in Virginia. In April, she went on a trans-Atlantic cruise to the Azores, Portugal, Spain, France, and Corsica. Several interesting consulting jobs have come her way. **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** and Jim spent a lot of time in the San Francisco area in 2008. They helped their oldest son, Phil, and his wife, Jill, establish their garden at their new home. Everyone in the family gathered there for the Fourth of July. Phyllis and Jim also went to Napa Valley in Northern California to visit friends and vineyards and then on to Carmel for scenery, shopping, and golf courses. Phyllis won the Quail Ridge Country Club golf and tennis championship this year.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks and John definitely planned to be at the reunion. John is still working full time. Their son, Jon Karl, and his wife, Cathy, like Springfield, Ill. Jane and John visited them in September, and they planned to be together for Christmas. Others who were planning to attend the reunion are: **Barbara Ellis White**, **Marcia Phipps Ireland**, **Patricia Gray Proulx**, **Mary Massey**, and **Ann Rollins Pyle**. I realize by the time you receive this issue, the reunion will be over, but I love writing your names anyway.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas wrote that her son, Gregory, has returned from Afghanistan. Anastasia still lives and works in New Jersey. Ann finally retired from teaching in July. She likes no longer having to do class registers, report cards, and any major school activities. Arthur Old, **Eleanor Markham**'s husband, keeps me updated. His letters are newsy and enjoyable. Their son, Jim, is still consulting for Booz Allen Hamilton and was promoted to senior associate. Beth, his wife, is still a nurse at Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Hospital. Son Parker is 15, and Tyler is 14. Both enjoy lacrosse and soccer. Arthur had a "blood pressure" event in November, but everything seems all right now. Great news!

Mary Massey '59 is in her 16th year as a volunteer at the Audubon Naturalist Society. She also mentors 6- and 7-year-olds in reading.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn and Burton's grandson, Mason, is 8 years old and a second-grader. Mary Carolyn was volunteering as a reading mentor in his school once a week and teaching a math class each Wednesday, also in his class. She otherwise was keeping busy with house and garden work and church circle. **Priscilla Brown Wardlaw** sent news of oldest son Chris' marriage to Ryoko Imagawa in August '08 at the Bellagio in Las Vegas. Rob, her other son, flew in from Naples, Fla., and Priscilla from New York. Priscilla stayed a few extra days and even took a trip to the Grand Canyon. Chris and Ryoko will be in New York during the holidays. Priscilla's mother will be 98 in January. She still reads *The New York Times* daily. What a woman!

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle flew to Atlanta in March '08 and helped her daughter, Jennifer, move to California. She is now one town over from Aud and Tom. They sold their house in Vista, Calif., and had a housewarming in May '08 in the new house in Temecula, Calif. In June '08, they toured some of the wine country in California. In July, they went to Las Vegas, and in August '08 to San Diego. In September, they attended Tom's 50th Naval Academy reunion. Then off they went to D.C. for a few days and on to Jacksonville, Fla., for a VP-45 patrol squadron reunion. In early December '08, they visited with their daughter, Tiffany, son-in-law, Rick, and granddaughter, Cynthia, in California and saw more wine country. Cynthia is a freshman at UCLA, majoring in Latin. They hoped to spend Christmas with son Thomas, his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Emma and Avery.

Sally Warwick Rayburn and Jim belong to an RV group named the Caloosa Winnies. With that group, they have many super campouts. In February, Sally and Jim celebrated their 51st anniversary with a trip to Los Angeles. In March '08, they spent their annual four-week hiatus in Hawaii. Their daughter, Ginny, and their four grandchildren arrived for a two-week stay. They loved snorkeling and swimming in the Pacific. In April '08, Sally and Jim took Ginny's family to the Florida Everglades looking for alligators. Ginny was taking courses she needed to complete her teaching degree. Sally and Jim shuttled the kids while she was in class. Her oldest son, Andy, plays football; daughter Samantha is a soccer player, and Sarah Kate takes swimming. In May '08, Sally and Jim traveled in the RV to visit their two sons in North Carolina. They stopped to see Dick, wife Angie, and children Hannah and Kelly in Smithfield, then on to see son Steve, his wife, Cindy, and daughter Stephany. Sally is a member of the DAR and treasurer of the local chapter. Dick and family came to visit for Thanksgiving. In December '08, another campout was followed by a cruise on the *Veedam* to the western Caribbean.

Marianne Carrano Raphaely and Russ love watching their grandchildren grow up. Their son, Chris, and wife Julie were so proud of daughter Elizabeth playing the role of Clara in *The Nutcracker*. She also enjoys soccer. Daughter Kate played Marzipan in *The Nutcracker*. She was high scorer for her soccer team this year and excelled in competitive swimming. Marianne and Russ's son, Jim, and his boys discovered motocross and were improving their camping skills. His daughter, Tara, was awaiting her college acceptance. Marianne was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in March. She completed chemo and is feeling fine. Her family, neighbors, friends, Pennsylvania and Connecticut friends, relatives, and college classmates were all very supportive. We are thinking of you,

Marianne. In February, she and Russ took another fabulous trip to Hawaii. In November '08, she went with Russ to Orlando, Fla., for the AMA. Russ was a delegate from the Society of Critical Medicine. In August, everyone gathered at her sister's beach house in Connecticut. Marianne was looking forward to our 50th.

Barbara Gordon McNamee was in the process of moving to a new house as soon as they could sell the current one. Bob was still working three days a week at the community health center and coaching the William and Mary diving team. Barbara retired from Walsingham Academy's teaching department. Her swimmers and synchronized team traveled to Jamaica in May '08 and Calgary in August '08. This summer, the competition will be held in Charlotte, N.C. She and Bob were tentatively booked for another cruise, this time to the Canary Islands, Malta, and Morocco. They continue to rent the beach house in Nags Head each summer so all the 15 grandchildren get to know each other better. **Barbara Barndt Miller** purchased some land in Geneseo Valley, N.Y., after a trip there for a fox hunt. It was too beautiful to pass up, she wrote, and has since built a log cabin on the land. She hopes to use it during the hunting season mostly. She spent much of the past year gardening, horse showing, golfing, and moving. She has two horses and a show pony.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have had one blowout of a 50th! A lot of your classmates were the volunteers who made it happen. **Dodie Reeder Hruby** and all her committees are to be congratulated. As I write this, sweet Virginia is two weeks away from presenting me with a grandson. I will be remembered at reunion as the one with the wide grin and the stash of family photographs.

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Gail Mooney Grobe wrote that her 34-year-old son David (who has Down's syndrome) and Karen have the same birthday, Nov. 11. He was delighted to hear that someone shares his birthday. Gail also wrote that they enjoyed having **Carolyn Rolston Rourke**'s younger sister, Suzanne, at their home for Thanksgiving. She is considered part of their family. **Penny Engle Burkhardt** wrote that she worked hard as a volunteer office manager for the Coconut Creek, Fla., Obama headquarters. Since the election, she has been gardening and training for the 5K race she runs every year. This year she hoped to win a medal because last year there were only three entrants in the 70-and-over category! Penny also said she is in contact with **Edna Weiss Clemans**, who asked her about **Betty Lou Bulifant Bands, Shelby Davis Porter, and Lynn Word Via**. We have had no recent news from any of them.

Patty Morgan Connolly '60 is retraining an older racehorse she adopted.

Sad news: **Elaine Smith Venn** sent word that **Anne Harris Brosio** (one of our U.Va. nursing students) passed away on Feb. 19, 2009, in California. Her obituary was published in the Farmville, Va., *Herald*.

Peggy Bloxom Verville said she enjoyed the birthday card from our class. Her son came from California, and he and her daughter gave her a surprise birthday/dinner party with many old friends in attendance. We lost touch with **Terry Eagles Dow** briefly when her email address changed. After we called her, she wrote that her husband, Albert, who is 83, was having health issues and that she was "becoming a real caretaker – shopping, driving, cooking, etc., all of which he used to do." They have curtailed trips to visit children and grandchildren, and the downturn in the real estate market has made it impossible to move closer to them. Terry does get out, though, putting in many indoor miles at the local college track to keep in shape.

September found **Betty Ditmars Prosser** recovering from a second hip replacement, and she now has a matched pair and no pain. We are also delighted that Betty has joined our reunion committee. **Kitty Shriver Strickland** sent us her birth date for our card list but said there was nothing exciting going on in her life. We caught up with **Bayla Goldberg Manis**, who reported that she was doing well and winning her battle with ill health.

We got a great note from **Page Shafer Frischkorn** just before the holidays, telling us that she and husband Jim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last August. She also offered to be on the reunion committee and noted that Jim was looking forward to his 50th homecoming this year at Virginia Tech. They were especially looking forward to that celebration because their granddaughter is now attending Tech. **Patty Morgan Connolly** wrote from Hartford, Conn., that she carried out her plan to retire last year, was enjoying retirement, and has spent much time retraining the older racehorse she has adopted. She volunteers for special events with the Red Cross and is also on the women's auxiliary at the Hartford (Conn.) Hospital. She added that before she retired, her profession was planning special events, and she would like to help us plan our 50th reunion! Of course, we accepted, and Jody is getting her up to speed! Patty is in contact with **Sid Collson Chichester**, who is also on the reunion committee, and both share "not only love for UMW, but also love of horses." Patty spends time each summer with **Jane Choate Lorentz** on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts and has finally gotten Jane to commit to attend the reunion. Patty wonders if there are any alumnae in the Hartford, Conn., area who might have an interest in driving down to Fredericksburg in May 2010.

Jane Commander McCulley wrote that she has moved from North Carolina to Warsaw, Mo., a small town next to Truman Lake on the Osage River. It is the location of a major bird migration flyway, and she is an avid birdwatcher. She said she had apparently developed congestive heart failure and was having some tests done to be sure. She was working three days a week for the University of Missouri Extension Service, finding jobs for 55-and-over seniors, but fatigue and shortness of breath were interfering at times.

Gail Pickard Bonifay gave us an address for **Linda Roberts Manser**, who moved from Ohio to Brea, Calif., last year. **Liz Hill Heany**, another reunion committee member, has been in touch with **Betty Williams**. Betty retired from Virginia state government at age 50 after a car accident that left her with various ailments; she can no longer drive and has to depend on a friend to take her places. She had sold her house and was living in an apartment in the Williamsburg area. Recently, Liz learned that Betty had been in an assisted living facility, was not happy there, and hoped to get back to her apartment soon. Betty would love to come to our reunion but will need a ride.

Bob Madgic sent us a beautiful Valentine's Day tribute to his wife, **Diane Delamarre Madgic**. Though she modestly had not shared this with us, he proudly detailed their marriage and her career as a dietitian while raising three children. One of her professional highlights was being selected as the representative of the California Dietitian Association to serve on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness. In the 1990s, she and Bob moved from the Bay Area to Northern California, where Diane continues her dietitian profession on a very part-time basis. Bob said they both love the outdoors, and she has been an avid hiker and mountain climber, including a "rim-to-rim" at the Grand Canyon, climbing Mount Shasta (14,300 feet), and running marathons. Way to go, Diane! Now at a slower pace, she continues her love for hiking while adding kayaking and biking to her regular activities. She and Bob also were devoting considerable time to getting their two granddaughters to love the outdoors as much as they do. We are hoping to see Diane and Bob at our reunion.

We received a nice surprise with a note from **Eleanor Devebre Becker.** She completed her requirements in the summer of '59 and started 26 years as a Marine wife but didn't return for graduation with us. They were stationed in Northern Virginia so often that she was able to have a full career in the computer field and retire from the federal government. She and Ray now live in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, a suburb of San Antonio, and she is looking forward to being at our reunion.

Karen reported: "In November, we made a short trip to Henderson, Nev., to celebrate a granddaughter's 18th birthday (and my 70th). In mid-December, we headed to Big Bend National Park, Texas, camping for a week or so, celebrating Darrell's birthday there, returning home just before Christmas. In January, we both ended up in physical therapy – Darrell, short-term, for pulled neck and shoulder muscles doing demolition at our church with a couple of energetic 30-somethings; and me for a calf muscle injury incurred at a high-level ballroom dance workshop. In mid-March, I was still rehabbing."

We have a great team working our 50th reunion: **Jody Campbell Close**, **Patty Morgan Connolly**, **Syd Collson Chichester**, **Betty Ditmars Prosser**, **Liz Hill Heany**, **Sue Smith Goodrick**, **Page Shaffer Frischkorn**, and **Karen Larsen Nelson**. Several of the committee members are planning to rendezvous in Fredericksburg this year to reconnoiter and see how we might want to mesh our plans with those of UMW. There won't be a lot of news right away while we do our research, but as soon as we have some solid news, you will get it. Starting this fall, you will begin to receive information from UMW and from your reunion committee regarding the events, not the least of which will be about some of you volunteering to help us get it all off the ground. We are hoping for the largest 50th reunion in the school's history. Please try to plan things so you can join us, and start saving up for the trip. We hope to make it memorable and worth your effort. Send us news.

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From Connie:

News this time comes from Christmas cards, emails, and . . . Facebook! My, my, how technology gives us so many options for communicating! **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** is a busy grandmother of 13; the latest was due around April 1 to son Park, an Air Force officer stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base near Valdosta, Ga. Oldest son Chris has three children and lives nearby in Virginia; third son Dennis and his wife, Maria, have three red-headed boys and are preparing for a Baptist mission trip to Spain; and youngest son Andrew finished his assignment in Afghanistan and has resumed his job in Washington, D.C. **Carolyn Crum Pannu** delights in being a grandmother to son Raj's 4-year-old son, who lives in Texas, and is enjoying daughter Kara's company at her "gorgeous" apartment in San Francisco. Carolyn has decided not to retire and is glad to have a wonderful job, just three days a week. She planned a short cruise to Vancouver in May. She has also been enjoying some events with Sierra Club, such as a seven-mile hike in San Francisco. She and I both loved the movie *Slumdog Millionaire*, which reminded Carolyn of her four visits to India when she was married to Singh, formerly of Punjab.

> ***Carolyn Crum Pannu '61 participated in several Sierra Club events, including a seven-mile hike.***

One of our renowned author classmates, **Kelly Cherry**, emailed: "I have two books forthcoming this year, probably not until the fall: *Girl in a Library: On Women Writers and the Writing Life* and *The Retreats of Thought: Poems*. This spring I am serving as Louis D. Rubin Jr. Writer-in-Residence at Hollins University. We're happy that Burke's broken leg is now fixed!" Home for her and hubby Burke Davis is rural Halifax, Va. Living more simply seems to be a recurring theme in these days of the economic downturn. **Dee Doran Cairns** and Doug are attempting to "practice frugality by starting to be serious about living on retired pay. Not completely successful, but we are continuing to downsize life, stuff, and money." The Cairns' son, Rob, and family will be in Naples, Italy, for another three years since Rob retired from the Army and works as a civilian for the U.S. Naval Forces-Europe. Daughter Cathy and family live in Alabama, near Dee and Doug.

A Christmas card photo from **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** showed them in May 2008 on a hike on Mount Etna, Sicily, at 7,000 feet among a group of five secondary craters formed during the 1892 eruption! This was part of a two-week Grand Circle Travel adventure. When they are not abroad, their winters are spent in Naples, Fla., with visits to Bill's kids in Stuart, Fla., and Ellen's daughter in Virginia. Ellen keeps in shape with exercising at the gym, swimming, and volunteer work at home in York, Pa. **Sue Wilson Sproul** wrote on Facebook in response to my news that Andy and I are moving to Wilmington, N.C., to be close to our grandson and are now in the process of downsizing and simplifying: "Moving will be a 'purging' exercise – especially after 41 years! But you will be glad to have scaled back, and what a joy it will be to move closer to family. If Dave and I didn't live in such a beautiful spot (with amazing winter weather), I'd be considering a move back East myself. My only daughter, Tina, had her first child in October, and it's really hard not being close to him. I suspect that when Dave and I can no longer enjoy outdoor life here in Colorado, we'll consider moving to be close to family, too."

Mary Hatcher and her friend, Bill, planned a second trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., in March, with snowshoeing as part of their agenda. Mary and I look forward to fun times together in Wilmington, N.C., once we get moved there in April 2009. (Please note my new address at top of column.) In February and March, **Barbie Upson Welch** and Chuck went on a flying vacation in their single-engine plane (Barbie has almost completed her pilot training!), working their way from Wilmington, Del., (home) to Florida for golf school, with stops in the Carolinas along the way. They also fly to their place in the Pocono Mountains nearly every weekend. When home, she manages the gift shop in the retirement community where they live and keeps up with her daughter Meg's three boys' sports, etc. Son Bob and Polly live in Oregon and have a boy and girl. We have seen each other monthly at the SmartTalk Lecture series here, where celebrities and other notable women speak . . . much fun!

Among all the places in the world that **Eleanor Knight Jensen** and Cliff travel, France seems to be an enduring favorite. Cliff's beautiful photo of the Village de Ser'y made me want to head right back to that country! In 2008, the Jensens went to New Zealand, Fiji, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, St. Barths, the Pyrenees, and on a barge trip in the Alsace-Loraine area of France. Winter of 2008-09 was spent in Hawaii, with Portugal and Spain on the spring agenda. Summers are spent at home in New Fairfield, Conn. **Sarah Leigh Kinberg**'s engaging Christmas letter told of visits with her two "kids" – Tom and wife Christi, who live in Lincoln City, Ore., and daughter Sarah Leigh and French husband Andreas in France. All the family spent Christmas at Tom's in Oregon, where Sarah intended to be thoroughly pampered. She also has had some serious medical issues (an unusual lymphoma tumor) and, in her words, began their "ardent mission to keep California doctors solvent in this economic crisis." We wish you well, Sarah.

From Renee:

I don't have a lot of news about me. Been living rather small these days, thanks to the lovely state of our economy. I'm sure we are all praying it recovers soon. I have been taking a creative writing class at Beverly Hills Adult School. It's a *lot* of fun . . . have met interesting, great people. I'm not expecting to write the great American novel, novella, or short story, but am loving the exercise!

Speaking of writing, we have another highly praised *published* writer among us! **Mary Louise Joslin Jenkins** writes as Emyl Jenkins. Her work has garnered high praise, so read about her online (and see Book Report, page ___.) One reviewer wrote: "*Stealing with Style* is Emyl Jenkins' debut novel. And a stunning debut it is." Now, how is *that* for a review?! It was a Mystery Book Club selection. You go, girl! Emyl's next book, *The Big Steal,* published by Algonquin Press, will be in bookstores in mid-July. It is just right for summertime reading and our age group, according to the blurbs. And the advance word on it is more high praise! Right now, Emyl is in the pre-publication PR phase and is crazy busy. Emyl, we are all extremely proud of you! **Marilyn Messier Whitmore** writes that they were to be great-grandparents the end of May. Can you believe it? Good Lord . . . we are too young to be this old! Their second-oldest granddaughter and her Navy husband are the first-time parents. They are stationed in Monterey, Calif. As you know, Marilyn and hubby live in Simi Valley, not a bad drive from there to Monterey. Marilyn still serves as a docent at the Ronald Reagan Library and Museum, and she will

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be glad to give her classmates a tour! She is in touch with **Judy LaRoe Hare**, **Kay Gamble Reinehr**, and **Sybil Smith Lyon**, all of whom are planning to attend our 50th (ouch!) reunion in 2011. So is **Bobbie Brooks Nation**, who lives in London. I hope we all make an effort to get to the reunion. It is a real milestone and an important moment in our lives that we should *not* miss.

Sara Prosterman Brown's East Cobb Quilt Guild is having its biennial quilt show Sept. 11-13 in Marietta, Ga. She will have a quilt in it and continues to make quilts for her seven grandchildren. Sara was still working reduced hours in health care recruiting. It gives her more time for quilting. **Lynn McCarthy** referred to herself as "up in years" in her newsy letter! Shame on you, Lynn! We are not "up in years"; we're just youth-challenged! The statement came as she discussed her "Virginia mother" saying that getting rid of accumulated "stuff" when she was up in years was not worth the effort. I would agree, and I have a garage-ful to prove it! But Lynn, fearless woman that she is, is determined to downsize and donate her accumulations if her time doesn't run out first. Family photos are another story. Yeah, those are definitely *not* throwaways. One of many photos of unidentified people was of a friend of her deceased aunt. Sadly, Lynn was able to identify the subject of the photo recently, who died in 1993 at the age of 103! Lynn will share the photos with the woman's great-grandson. Lynn is still working on her cemetery book but planned to take time out to visit an Indiana casino on St. Pat's Day and the Kentucky Derby on the first Saturday in May.

News from **Pepper Jacobs Germer** came at Christmas time. She and Hank were filled with joy over the arrival of their first grandchild, Henry Nevins, son of their daughter, Alicia, and son-in-law, Jess. Pepper and Hank visited Hank's namesake three times between May and December. The kids live in Riverside, Calif., where Jess is the University of California-Riverside librarian. Their son, Rich, is a computer expert living in Chicago. Pepper and Hank went to San Miguel de Allende in the highlands of Central Mexico in May '08. And before the economy hit the skids, they took son Rich with them on a cruise of the Caribbean in January and England, Wales, and Ireland in March. They are now busy at home working on a re-design of the landscaping in their back yard. They will host a garden wedding for friends of theirs in June. Recently, a local magazine did a story and layout photos of their gorgeous house. Pep and Hank have done a remarkable job restoring and redecorating this wonderful house with fabulous antiques, ceiling paintings, and lush flowerbeds that surround their front porch. The article referred to their home as a dream fulfilled. Way to go, Pep! **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** was in New York City on Inauguration Day and had lunch with **Lynne Williams Neave** and her hubby, Sandy. They watched the festivities on television. Huge thanks to all of you who sent in news items this time.

Kelly Cherry '61 served as a writer-in-residence at Hollins University in the spring.

From Lynne:

I am sad to report that **Aggie Welsh Eyster**'s husband, Dick, died in San Antonio on Feb. 24, 2009. He had suffered various ailments for some time and, unfortunately, developed pneumonia when hospitalized. I first heard the news from **Bitsy Glasscock Duperior** (only with us freshman year); then **Jill Cusack Clay**, Aggie's cousin, filled me in with the details. Jill indicated that Aggie, as usual, was handling her loss beautifully. I am certain that she would be delighted to hear from classmates. It was such fun for me to see Jill when she visited her daughter, Bonnie, for Christmas in New York City. What a doll she is! **Jane Riles** was in San Diego teaching painting in her home studio. In September, her ninth annual painting workshop in France will be in Dordogne. She, her children, and grandchildren are all well.

Marcy Trembath Pitkin wrote that her son, Doug, married in New Orleans in March, and she was delighted to have an excuse to visit there. The Saunders twins, **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** and **Judy Saunders Slifer**, continue to amaze me with their exotic travels. Last year, it was China and the Rhine River; this year they are taking a Viking cruise from St. Petersburg, Russia, to Moscow to celebrate their 70th birthdays. Eleanore's entire family will be going to Europe together in late summer, also to celebrate her significant birthday. In April, **Patty Cairns Hourin** and I planned to have our second reunion with a high school friend in Williamsburg, Va. Patty was to combine the trip with a visit to Washington, D.C., to see her mother. My husband, Sandy, and I brought in the New Year on a UMW trip to South Africa. We had an amazing time, spending five nights at two different game preserves, followed by four nights in Capetown and a trip on the Blue Train. If you ever have the opportunity to go, make sure you do. It was truly spectacular.

Jean Ryan Farrell and her husband, Frank, spent five weeks in Southeast Asia visiting Cambodia, Thailand, Laos, Burma, and Indonesia, which led up to a visit with their son's family in Singapore. They have a new grandson, Adrian, bringing their total to eight! They get together several times a year with **Matt McCeney Campbell** and her husband, Ace, when they visit their daughter in Atlanta. A last-minute email from **Polly Updegraff Champ** in Florida: she co-chaired a mini high-school 51st reunion in Delray Beach in December 2008; was elected interim president of Church of the Palms, UCC, Women's Fellowship in January; and was co-chair of the Mission Board and rummage sale for her church. She was to meet with UMW President Judy Hample in Palm Beach in March, then returned to Connecticut in April and dressed the *Phantom of the Opera* Broadway touring company at the Bushnell in Hartford, Conn., for three weeks. She then resumed her duties with the Connecticut Council on Adoption Board as Connecticut Probate Court liaison. She ended with, "Think that's enough. Hope you're well and enjoying life."

I'm sorry not to have heard from more classmates. For those who did not receive a notice asking for news, please provide me with your current email address.

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Greetings to all – there is good news to begin this column: **Diana Copple Smith**'s daughter, Amy, delivered baby boy Pierce, at 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and 22 inches, on March 3. All were doing well. Congratulations, Diana, and welcome to the wonderful world of grandparenting. **Beverly Sulpice Persell** wrote that she retired from teaching in 2004. She takes classes now at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Fairfax, Va., and volunteered to teach a French conservation class there last semester. Her students include a retired colonel and a Polish-born immigration lawyer. Beverly's husband became interested in Osher and has been elected to its board of directors. They both enjoy traveling to California to visit their older son, Bob III, his wife, grandson Bob IV, 14, and granddaughter, Blaire, 13. Both grandchildren are serious soccer players. Their younger son, Jeff, lives in Fairfax with his wife and two children, Eric, 8, and daughter Kate, 5. Bev and her husband totally enjoy babysitting and attending Eric's sporting events.

Joan Akers Rothgeb met **Ann Tench Huml** and **Helen Alexion James** for lunch in August. They had a great time catching up with news of friends. Joan reported that **Mary Lott Haglund** and husband Dave were in Houston and planned to travel up to the Virginia/North Carolina coast in their boat in the spring. Ann relayed news from **Louise Dunn Fuqua** in New Iberia, La. Louise's mom is still doing relatively well with no major health upsets; she was 95 on March 27. Louise reported that **Marie Eckstein Callahan**'s husband was in a car accident and is recovering after surgery. She also said **Kit Forsyth** lives in New York City and enjoys volunteer tutoring of young people in Harlem. Louise heard from **Susie Hawlins Canfield**, who now lives in Portland, Ore. Susie and husband Charles were spending time with their many grandchildren, as their five children live throughout the U.S. Susie was enjoying playing tennis and traveling. Louise's two sons have left Louisiana. Tim and his family live in Vancouver during the week and Robert's Creek, Canada, on weekends, and Dan lives in Alexander, N.C., which is north of Asheville. Thank you, Louise, for all the wonderful news.

Sheila Cooper Hanna and husband Fergus live in Northern Ireland, one hour south of Belfast, right on the Irish Sea. They said the weather has been unusually cold and rainy. The couple celebrated their 20th anniversary with two days in Belfast. Sheila did the "tourist

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thing" and saw the city, discovering a restaurant called Bourbon Street featuring food with a taste of New Orleans. Their two nephews and niece took them out for a dinner. Both nephews are doctors, and the niece is a lawyer. Sheila and Fergus were trying to decide whether to stay in Ireland or return to the U.S. Fergus did live in the states and Canada for 27 years.

I see **Nancy Powell Sykes** occasionally. She stays busy working as a Realtor and writing for a local newspaper. Nancy keeps in touch with **Beverly Jacobson Shelton**, who lives in Hampton, Va.

Thank you all for your news. Please let me hear from you.

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I love hearing from so many classmates. If you are not on my distribution list, please email me to share your news. This summer I am planning a mini-reunion with **Carolyn Shockey Moore** and **Sue Woldridge Rosser** in Indianapolis while my son is there performing with the Blue Angels. I am also thrilled that he and his wife expect a baby boy in July!

Smith Musgrave writes that she has two new grandsons: Eli Cruser Salzberg, born March 2008 to her youngest daughter, Sarah; and Lucas Frederick Bonomo, born in May 2008 to her eldest, Lisa. **Sigrid Daffner** retired from her teaching position at the York School in Monterey, Calif., in 2008 after 13 years. She was promptly contacted by Monterey Peninsula College , which asked her to interview for a part-time position to build its German program. She is now teaching two classes and loving the part-time hours as well as the diverse students, ranging from high school to Ph.Ds. She actually taught German at Mary Washington for one year after getting her master's degree at Johns Hopkins. She said returning to teach with her former professors was an unforgettable experience. **Carolyn "Cookie" Davis** rented a cottage at Virginia Beach last July for the whole family. Her first teaching job was in Virginia Beach, and it was a very good experience! Since her retirement, she has been working with Episcopal missionaries in the Dominican Republic. **Alice Funkhouser Flowers** writes that her son, Jim, a commander in the Naval Reserves (he and his family live in Holly Springs, N.C.), was called up and planned to leave for Djibouti, northeast Africa, for a year. Alice's daughter, Beth, and husband live in Raleigh, N.C., and are expecting their first child, a daughter, in mid-August. Alice and her husband, George, are still working.

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Barbara Bishop Mann graciously and diligently represents our class in a number of UMW events and activities. She is serving this year as chair of the UMW Alumni Awards and is hoping that someone from our class can be recognized, as both **Charlotte Major Minor** and **Midge Meredith Poyck** have been. The presentations are made during UMW Reunion Weekend. Barbara unofficially represented us in Fredericksburg at the groundbreaking ceremonies in February for Eagle Village, where Jeff Rountree, CEO of the University of Mary Washington Foundation, spoke. Barbara also organized another gathering of the MW Lunch Bunch, with arrangements to meet in March at Ristorante Renato in Fredericksburg. The group has grown to include **Anne Meade Clagett**, **Jana Privete Usry**, **Kathy Goddard Moss**, **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**, **Anne Kales Lindblom**, **Charlotte Schultz**, **Dianne Twiggs Woodworth**, **Pat Lewars Pace**, and **Lee Enos Kelley**. Last winter, Barbara and Robert took an enlightening vacation to South Africa and highly recommend it despite the long plane ride.

Charlotte Major Minor was featured in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* in December as the 2008 Richmond Christmas Mother. She led a procession, escorted by her husband, G. Gilmer "Gil" Minor III, down the grand staircase of the Jefferson Hotel amid about 1,000 attendees to launch a campaign for assisting thousands of struggling families. **Midge Meredith Poyck** sold her home in Lexington, S.C., packed her car, and drove cross-country to her new home in Arizona. She had visited her daughter and grandchildren in Tucson many times and decided to become a permanent resident. Midge promises to keep in touch. Our beloved class sponsor, **George Van Sant**, was featured last fall in Fredericksburg's *Free Lance-Star*. He was recognized as "a community leader for several decades in the late 20th century. His good nature, imposing figure, commanding voice, and widespread involvement made him one of the most recognizable individuals in town." Photographs emphasized his distinguished Marine Corps career, as well as his status as a Mary Washington professor emeritus of philosophy and former Fredericksburg city councilperson. His book, *Taking on the Burden of History: Presuming to be a United States Marine*, was published in November 2008.

> ***Charlotte Major Minor '66 was named 2008 Richmond (Va.) Christmas Mother by the Richmond Times-Dispatch. She helped launch a holiday campaign to assist thousands of struggling families.***

Nancy Shackleford Jones, regent of the New York City chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, hosted the annual gala luncheon in honor of George and Martha Washington's 250th wedding anniversary in January at the Yale Club in New York City. The event has been held for more than 100 years by the New York City chapter, which, founded in 1891, is the second-oldest one in the DAR. **Annette Maddra Horner** accepted a job offer from some Philadelphia colleagues opening a new office in the North Carolina Research Triangle district. She and her husband, John, moved in February from Youngstown, Ohio, to Morrisville, N.C., and hope to relocate to Durham, N.C., by the end of the year. Annette and John are now close to their siblings in Richmond and their daughters in North Carolina. Their home in the historic district of Elizabeth City, N.C., is one of John's retirement projects. **Mary Kathryn Rowell Horner**, fully retired after 30 years with Shaw Systems, revels in "basically doing nothing but play golf when the weather's good." She traveled to Naples, Fla., in March for a "girl buddy golf trip" and earlier attended the Viennese New Year's concert at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Charlie, and **Linda Spangler Berkheimer**, who was accompanied by her husband, Phil. Linda and Phil also played golf with Mary Kathryn and Charlie last August in Frederick, Md. Mary Kathryn has gained new respect for our Seacobeck waitresses. She was unable to attend the MW Lunch Bunch meeting because she was waitressing at Woodlawn Plantation during the 46th Annual Needlework Exhibition sponsored by Nelly's Needlers. Eleanor "Nelly" Custis Lewis, bride of Mary Washington's great-nephew, did fine needlework, and her namesake organization of volunteers raises funds exclusively to support programs and preservation at Woodlawn. Mary Kathryn has contributed handiwork, time, and culinary talents to the annual exhibitions and luncheons.

In January, Linda and Phil toured in Africa for two weeks, traveled to Budapest and Prague in October, joined their daughter and grandson in Colorado in February for some skiing, and are already planning more trips! Linda also hosts **Mary Parsons Black** every summer while vacationing in the North Carolina Outer Banks with her daughters and grandchildren, and then visits Mary in Elizabeth City on the return trip home. **Cherryl "Cherie" Wells Brumfield** and husband Joe spent an early warm Christmas at home in Florida with their two daughters and grandson, then traveled the Danube through Germany and Austria for a delightful, though much colder, holiday. Joe's small consulting firm has a contract with Homeland Security that requires occasional trips to Washington, D.C., and that gives Cherie an opportunity to visit their daughter living in nearby McLean, Va. She just missed connecting with the MW Lunch Bunch in March. When not traveling, Cherie devotes her

spare time to researching genealogy for her family and the local genealogical society. **Yvonne March** traveled from Florida to Elkton, Md., in November for a surprise 60th birthday party for her sister. While there, she visited with **Susan Roth Nurin** in Annapolis, Md., and the three of them shared an opera lovers' evening in Baltimore. Yvonne makes monthly trips to Savannah, Ga., mainly to see grandson Anthony and partly to spare her daughter the long trip. She hopes that someday they will be closer geographically. Yvonne works half time with Language Line, a telephone interpreter service between monolingual businesses and their monolingual clients. In February, Yvonne spent a week in sunny Puerto Rico with 15 families of cousins, who gathered in San Juan to celebrate one cousin's 60th birthday. Back home in Tampa, Fla., Yvonne and Chris were keeping busy but always waiting for the next travel opportunity.

Kathy Pollard Wood is looking forward to next fall when her grandsons will be "coming of age" and will no longer need her full-time care while her son works the late shift at the Indianapolis post office. She plans a return trip with her daughters to Longboat Key near Sarasota, Fla., where they share a cozy cottage within walking distance of the beach. In July, Kathy visited her younger daughter in San Diego; made a brief trip to Portland, Ore., in September with **Mary Sharpley '49**; and spent three weeks in December assisting her granddaughter as she recovered from surgery. Kathy is eager to explore more of the USA next year. **Caroline Hoagland Stone** is enjoying life again as a single lady, living and working in Miami. She is director of admissions at Westminster Christian School, a pre-K-through-12th-grade college preparatory school with nearly 1,200 students. She also continues to run her fitness instruction company, LIFT Inc., as she has for the past 28 years. Her three children are all married, and Caroline delights in spending time with her seven grandchildren. **Cathe Cantwell Luria** continues her work as a nurse practitioner in a private practice in Gig Harbor, Wash., doing some family practice but a predominance of psychiatry. She also serves on the board of directors of a statewide organization, ARNPs United, which represents nurse practitioners, specializing in legislative issues. Daughter Alexandra now has two small children, and Cathe really enjoys being a grandmother. In November, she and her husband vacationed in Cancun before her surgery for a torn rotator cuff in December. The recuperation period seemed longer than eight weeks since Cathe was unable to drive or to play her flute, but she did continue her voice lessons during rehab. Cathe keeps in touch with **Nancy Derrick Denslow**, who is doing well in Gainesville, Fla.

The 1966 class sponsor, George Van Sant, UMW Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, was recognized in Fredericksburg's Free Lance-Star ***as a community leader.***

Clair Golihew Cosby spent half of her career as a special education teacher, during which time she earned master's and doctoral degrees from George Mason University. She also worked full time as a school psychologist. Clair's husband retired in 2000 from a 42-year calling as a United Methodist pastor, mostly in Northern Virginia, before moving to the Richmond area. Clair retired in April from Henrico County Public Schools after an enjoyable career working with children, parents, and teachers in six counties of Virginia. Claire looks forward to joining the MW Lunch Bunch. **Carolyn Perry Grow** and husband Dave have spent a busy year deer-proofing their back yard while continuing the renovation of their home near Charlottesville, Va. They took a fabulous winter cruise through the Panama Canal and later celebrated their anniversary at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., followed by an evening at the Barter Theater in Abingdon. In August, Carolyn and Dave joined Dave's family for their annual retreat in picturesque Chautauqua, N.Y., then attended niece Sarah Grow's wedding in Ontario, Canada. Although Dave suffered a mild stroke in December, he and Carolyn are able to continue his bridge lessons, her photography, their volunteering for the Salvation Army, church activities, and to marvel at the antics of their two cats.

Kathy Goddard Moss celebrated a traditional Thanksgiving with family in Los Gatos, Calif., near San Francisco. Kathy and Tom's son, Joe, was married a few days later at the Berkeley City Club, and the whole family convened for the event. Joe and Mira, Kathy and Tom, all the grandchildren, and sister **Eileen Goddard Albrigo** all looked stunning in the holiday photos. Kathy and Tom resumed their annual travel schedule with a trip to Spain to visit daughter Ellen and her family, to Toronto to visit Tom's family and catch a "traditional" Blue Jays baseball game, Tom's Lake Erie fishing trips, and Kathy's ATTACh (Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children) conference trip, this year in North Carolina celebrating the organization's 20th anniversary. Back at home, Kathy and Tom care for her parents in an assisted living facility and work actively in political campaigns; Kathy still supervises a few therapists, and Tom helps with meals and activities at the nursing home.

Susan Hanes Chaney and husband Bill have spent a very calm, serene year in their Virginia Northern Neck surroundings. The growing season is long, the fish are plentiful, the boating is very pleasant, and the scenery is lovely year-round. Despite some minor illness, Susan and Bill are enjoying good health while caring for their pets, boats, and gardens.

Hank and I are still busy with the Pentagon Sailing Club social and boating activities, in addition to working part time and doing a myriad of family activities. I added BC calculus to my tutoring list this year and have found myself studying to keep ahead of my student! Fortunately, my schedule eased up for three family graduations and two weddings.

Our sincere condolences to **Joan Cuccias Patton**, whose husband, Clarence "Bud" Patton, passed away in February.

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Christine Brooks wrote that she is working as an editor/writer and loving it. She has an adorable Norwegian forest cat named Oliver, who spends most of his time in the sunroom looking at the birds, squirrels, chipmunks, and deer. Christine is active in her church and enjoys walking every day. She feels truly blessed with many dear friends. **Vivian Crater Gray** wanted us to know that her mother, Flora Crater, passed away in February 2009 at the age of 94. Her mother had been an outspoken champion of equal rights for women and an unsuccessful candidate for Virginia lieutenant governor and U.S. Senate. The first president of the National Organization for Women's Virginia chapter, she was "indefatigable in her efforts to promote women's issues," according to her obituary in *The Washington Post*. Also, she led a group of women known as Crater's Raiders to lobby for the ERA during the 1970s and 1980s and was still working for the amendment with various organizations up until the time she died.

Florence Bishop wrote that after 39 years of teaching social studies, she retired and now enjoys supervising student teachers for Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. When she was in Kansas City, Mo., in November 2008, she enjoyed a lovely visit with her Mary Washington roommate, **Laurie Newman Stocks**. Laurie is the dean and professor of public administration of the Hauptmann School for Public Affairs at Park University in Kansas City. She keeps busy with her job, which requires a great deal of travel, and her family – husband Hugh and a plethora of children and grandchildren scattered across the country. Florence and Laurie talked a lot and reminisced about the good times and people at Mary Washington.

As for me, my husband, Dan, and I just celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary. We enjoy lots of time with our seven grandchildren, walking, and watching old movies. I mentor at the nearby elementary school and do a little writing.

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The deadline for this submission of Class Notes was March 15, 2009 – more than two months *before*

our reunion, and you are reading them after the reunion. Hence, this column does not have the reunion news that you are all eager to read. I will get that information to you as soon as I can but, meanwhile, you may want to check our blog at UMWclassof1969.blogspot.com and/or our Facebook group, "University of Mary Washington Class of 1969 Alumni." You can also go to the UMW website, www.umw.edu, and click on "alumni," "events," and then "reunion." You will need to set up a simple and free Google email account to post on the blog.

Clare Burke Ardizzone wrote in January that she planned to come to the reunion with her husband, John, for her first return to campus in 40 years! They are both still in their respective career fields in Chicago: health care and higher educational interior design for her and psychology for John. Their daughter and son-in-law have given them two wonderful granddaughters. Their son does custom metal tooling for a classic auto restoration company in Detroit. They have been blessed with good health and a most interesting life. Clare "found" one of our "lost" classmates, **Patricia Cox Miller**. Pat reported in February that she spent a year of special study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, after she graduated from Mary Washington. From there, she went to the University of Chicago, where she earned master of arts and doctoral degrees in the study of early Christianity and other religions in the period of the Roman Empire, basically the first 500 years A.D. She started teaching in the religion department at Syracuse University in fall 1977 and has been there ever since. She is now the (Bishop) W. Earl Ledden Professor of Religion. She is married to a fellow professor, now retired, at Syracuse U. Both love to cook and to travel, especially to Italy. They enjoy the company of their spunky, impish Old English sheepdog (their third). Walking her keeps them active in the long, snowy winters in central New York. Pat visited the UMW campus about three years ago when she and her husband, who went to Bridgewater College in the Shenandoah Valley, took a nostalgia trip south. She said the new library was wonderful and that she hoped to attend the reunion.

Ellen Brown said she and Barry share their home with two Shelties, Pixie and Gowkie. Each human in the house has a Ph.D. in physics. Ellen's is from U.Va. and Barry's is from Virginia Tech (known around their house as schools of culture and agriculture, respectively). Ellen is a physicist with the Navy, and Barry is a retired physicist. Ellen plays violin with the UMW Community Symphony Orchestra. Each canine in the house is a registered therapy dog. Together, they visit nursing homes and provide reading programs for children. Barry has volunteered to be the '69 class mascot at the reunion.

Linda Marett Disosway writes that she, **Betty Ferguson Foster**, **Karen Kilgore Ralston**, and **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner** went on a fabulous two-week tour of Italy in January. **Linda Huff Alderson** was supposed to go also but became ill and had to cancel. The group visited Rome, Pompeii, Capri, Assisi, Venice, Como, Pisa, Florence, and Siena. The rest of their tour group was from Australia and New Zealand. All had a wonderful time and enjoyed great weather. They were able to sit out at sidewalk cafes in the town squares – amazing for January. They also squeezed in a little shopping, too.

Ellen Brown '69, her husband, and their registered therapy dogs visit nursing home residents, and the couple provides reading programs for children.

Jacki Richards Sowers got married after our junior year and finished her class work by commuting to UMW three days a week from her home in Richmond. She and Buddy have two sons and five grandchildren. She has been a mosaicist for 10 years, and her art has brought her a lot of pleasure. She has gone to Italy and Spain to take workshops, and has been all over the country to study. She even did a three-day workshop last fall at Gari Melchers Home and Studio. Jacki stays in touch with **Ann Robertson**, **Linda Kay Erb**, **Joan Westerkamp DeWitt**, and **Carol Payne Martin**. These gals celebrated their 60th birthdays together with a trip to France for three weeks.

As I have said before, I am continually impressed and gratified to learn of our classmates' accomplishments. Please continue to submit your news and share your stories.

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I received a lovely note from **Judy Cunningham Dotson**, who lives in Clifton Forge, Va., with her husband, Steve. Their daughter, Dodie, her husband, Marty, and their two sons, Jack and Luke, moved back to Virginia, and Judy was relishing her time babysitting her two grandsons. Judy retired from full-time employment at the community college in March 2008 and returned part time in April. She also was volunteering at her church and a free clinic.

Barbara Forgione Tansey continued to be involved with the General Federation of Women's Clubs Tellico Village in Loudon, Tenn., and was volunteering as an English as a second language tutor at the local high school. Her husband, Bruce, finished his final tax season with H&R Block and was enjoying playing golf. In spring 2008, Barbara and Bruce joined friends for a trip to Lexington, Ky., where they toured a horse farm and visited the Kentucky Horse Park and the International Horse Museum. In June 2008, they visited Memphis, Tenn., and rode on an old-fashioned paddlewheel riverboat, sampled the local barbecue, and toured Graceland. For their anniversary last August, they drove through the spectacular scenery of Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Cherokee, N.C., where they visited the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and the Oconaluftee Indian Village and enjoyed an outdoor evening performance of the Cherokee drama *Unto These Hills*. Last September, they spent a week at Hilton Head Island, S.C., and liked it so much that they are planning a return visit. Their daughter, Lisa, and her husband, Eric, joined Barbara and Bruce for Thanksgiving; Barbara and Bruce then spent Christmas with Lisa and Eric in Chesapeake, Va.

Last fall, **Martha Veasey Sawyer** and her husband, Roger, went to Atlantic City, N.J., with friends and enjoyed the boardwalk and favorite restaurants. Martha and Roger also spent weekends with **Kaye Webster Weinstein Gary** and her husband, Bob, at their summer home on the Chesapeake Bay and with **Mary Jane Johnson Tyler** and her husband, Hugh, at their home in Pennsylvania. In December 2008, Martha and Roger had their own special holiday "getaway" at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Va. Every year, they enjoy a special Valentine's celebration at the Hotel Roanoke. For July, they planned a vacation to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Roger continued to enjoy his trout fishing and his Martin guitar, while Martha delighted me with her colorful descriptions of the wildlife around their home.

Last December, Ted and I visited the children and grandchildren in Northern Virginia and then traveled to Florida to be with my parents for their 61st wedding anniversary. For Valentine's Day, we enjoyed a delicious five-course meal, chocolates, and champagne at a new inn near our home. It offers cooking classes, and we plan to attend one very soon. Ted's eldest son, Greg, his wife, Denise, and our adorable youngest grandson, TJ, 5, visited us in February. TJ particularly enjoyed going to the Candy Barrel at the famous Mast General Store in Valle Crucis, N.C., and left with a bag loaded with goodies.

Next year will be our 40th reunion. Please send your news so we can all catch up with each other before 2010!

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For most of us in the class, this is a monumental year: we actually turn 60! Several alums have described this as an introspective time, and I quite agree. We were the transition class, and we have all done some interesting work over the years. But it is also fascinating that we are thinking of retiring or have retired and have children and grandchildren – some even at our alma mater. I would be interested to hear from you for the next edition on your thoughts, highlights, and maybe lowlights, what you accomplished or wished you had accomplished, and what you foresee for the future. These musings may be fun to reminisce about at our next reunion. We are still in Belgium working at NATO headquarters

near Brussels, and it appears that I will remain in the job as director of intelligence on the international military staff until late fall 2011. We are happy to remain over here until then. I travel for business, chairing meetings with the member nations, as well determining what nations need to produce better intelligence for the Alliance. Certainly keeps me busy and challenged.

I heard from a few classmates. **Laurie McIntosh** emailed to let us know she was working for Business Training Works Inc. in Charles County, Md., conducting corporate training, professional image training, and customer service for government, military, and technical groups. She travels and has been in contact with **Carol Scouten Harrington** and **Susan Brown Lohin**. Susan was still with Wellesley Alumnae Association, and Carol remained with the successor of the *Orlando Sentinel* in Florida after that newspaper was bought out. Carol has taken up running marathons and has raced in the U.S. and Europe. Carol, if you come to Brussels for the marathon, call! **Linda Chenoweth,** who lived in Betty Lewis and transferred after freshman year, was also in touch with Laurie. Linda lives in Richmond. **Penny Falkowitz Goodstein** is in Anchorage, Alaska, working for BP Exploration on health and safety issues. Until recently, she worked on the North Slope at Prudhoe Bay. She said Alaska is a beautiful place and great for raising children. Imagine combining music, math, and sports with eagles, moose, and wolves. And to see the salmon spawning – what a sight every year! Penny's home overlooks Cook Inlet and the mountains. Fantastic! Her son recently married; her daughter will finish her business major in Alaska this year. Penny's husband, Dan, works for TSA, and they will celebrate 33 years of marriage by the time this is in print. Congrats to you both!

I heard from **Marie Droste Martin** a while ago, and she was still teaching but had added Spanish and gifted education to her skills. She said the round trip of 90 miles daily to Roanoke, Va., was a bit tough. Marie and Darrel have a daughter, Laura, working for New Hope Housing in Alexandria, Va. She is a U.Va. grad. Their other daughter, Erin, graduated from the University of Alabama and was working in Boston as a research analyst for Thomson Communications. Marie wanted to locate some of the old La Maison Française mates: Sandy, Celel, MJ, Brigitte, Sally, and Peggy. Send mail! **Kathy Lewis Newbold** and I have kept in touch. Some of you remember we joined the Marine Corps together, and her father and Dr. Vance commissioned us in a ceremony just prior to graduation. Of course, I remember that I had to convince Kathy to come with me to the recruiting station in Richmond, Va., and join. We managed to get through training together, and she stayed a Marine, married one. I, although always a Marine, switched to the Navy. Kathy's husband, Greg, continues as a partner with Torch Hill Capital, a private equity firm. Cameron will have graduated from Longwood University by publication time and will take the CPA exam; and Kerry, who dreams of catering, is working as a debt counselor with Navy Federal Credit Union to earn enough to realize her dream! Kathy still substitute-teaches in Fairfax City, and she and Greg planned to be on the golf course as much as possible this summer.

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Sally Mayor wrote after the last deadline, and I promised to include her news this time. We all remember Sally's switchblade when she showed up at Betty Lewis freshman year, but she is *still* in Switzerland. I know we will visit before I move back to the states. Sally was living in the Alps (I know she must yodel as well!) with a view overlooking the Rhone Valley and the Matterhorn. Sally continues her work for the University of Cambridge and ESOL exams and loves it. She does get to the States periodically to her small vacation home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. She has seen **Tish Stoner Sawyer** and her husband, Tom. **Tina Rolen** sent news for the first time, which is terrific. She was working at Hollins University in Roanoke, Va., as director of the career center. Hollins is one of the last of the female-only undergraduate schools, although men are admitted to the graduate programs. Tina often has lunch with **Lynn Rayher '70**, who lives nearby.

Well, that's all the news for this time, but send email and cards before mid-July so I can write about our milestone year! The next edition is for fall/winter 2009!

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Well, it's that time again, and thank you, fellow classmates, for your news. It was a genuine pleasure to hear from you, as always.

Deborah Bradford Stanley sent a nice, newsy email, and it was fabulous reading about her accomplishments since graduation. First, she worked for several years in advertising to utilize her art degree, but she found her niche in 1982 when she became an art teacher in New Jersey. After moving to California, she taught sixth grade and earned a master's degree in educational administration in 1988. Almost immediately after that, she earned an additional credential in library media. Since 1990, she has been a library media teacher and she has served for six years as vice president of the California School Library Association. She has been a speaker and presenter for many years on a system she developed, and she has had three books published titled *Practical Steps to the Research Process* for elementary, middle, and high school levels. She is currently a teacher-librarian at a middle school in Riverside, Calif.

December also yielded news from **Sherrie Mitchell Boone** and **Nancy Mahone Miller**. Sherrie's daughter, Leighanne, had another girl, Molly; she joins 3-year-old sister, Anna. Sherrie is enjoying being "Grammy" to both her and John's grandkids. Son Trey has a teaching assistantship in Vancouver, B.C., as he pursues a master's degree in philosophy and has also presented several papers in Canadian competitions. Sherrie and John spend quite a bit of time with each of their families. Nancy glowingly wrote about several get-togethers with other classmates, which is always a treat. In April, she went to Washington, D.C., to spend time with **Kathryn Ray**, **Terri Hall Alford**, **Mary Saunders Williams**, and **Shirley Harris Sutton**. Terri played hostess, and Mary returned the favor in July with many of the same friends plus Sherrie, **Kathy Duley**, and **Ann Toms Richardson**, who joined them in Nags Head, N.C. Then in November, Shirley took over the role of hostess at her mountain cabin in Nelson County, Va. **Martha Stansell Vogel** joined them this time. Nancy remains active in the DAR and continues to chair the Virginia DAR State Scholarship committee. She and CG went to the annual Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July. They always look forward to seeing their Scottish friends as well as the beauty of the North Carolina mountains.

Although **Cheryl Prietz Childress** and **Norah Heckman** '73 have been constantly in touch, it's been a while since we were together. Hopefully that will change soon. Cheryl and Dave stay quite active in retirement with their farm, children, and other activities. Norah is doing well in the Arlington, Va., area.

As for our lives in Baltimore, Dennis and I stay busy socially and have enjoyed a couple of weekend trips. I am still employed at the law firm of DLA Piper and am a singer for Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church in Baltimore. It is a lovely place to sing, and one can feel the history. My latest hobby has been going retro. It's great creating costumes and competing in these quirky contests. Recently I won the "best beehive" contest for the Avalon Theater in Easton, Md. It was a hoot.

That's all for now. Please let me hear from you.

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From Betsey:

By the time you read this, our class reunion will have come and gone. Thanks to **Sid Baker Etherington**, **Suzy Passarello Quenzer**, **Peg Hubbard**, and **Patti Goodall Strawderman**, who worked hard as your reunion organizers to make this event outstanding.

As for class news, people have been very busy, and there has been little time to write and share. However, I did hear from **Ann McCauley**, who reported the successful completion of her second knitting book, *Together or Separate: Knitting the New Twinset* – clever title, Ann. It hit the shelves in mid-September, and we hope that many copies have been sold. She wrote, "After doing two books in such close proximity, I'm happy to be focusing on some single designs for Louet North America yarn company, out of Canada." Well done, Ann! To be able to create something both functional and beautiful is a gift, and to be able to share that knowledge with others is extra special. With potentially difficult economic times ahead, you may have provided the means for many of us to update our own wardrobes! Get out those knitting needles!

Lindy Vanderveer Rackiewicz '73 wrote from out of the blue, and I was delighted to hear from her. She apparently keeps up with **Sue Behling Coulter**. Lindy has six children and each sounds remarkably successful. I wish there were space enough to share the collective excellence of the family in detail. Suffice it to say that they're all exceptional. She and husband Dave reside in Vienna, Va. He's retired from the Navy and is now with a commercial consulting firm that deals with alternative energy projects. She accompanied him to Canada last winter, where he is working on a project that involves getting oil out of the tar sands. Along with raising her family, scouting, substitute teaching, and home schooling for eight years (for which she has my undying admiration), Lindy has been involved with other important issues as well. She has worked for the Republican Party on Capitol Hill with the House of Representatives and has been teaching science and geography at a small Catholic school in Manassas, Va., for five years. I'm sure that she and her family will stay busy and successful in the years to come. Thanks for your news, Lindy, and we hope that you continue to flourish!

As for Earnie and me, we're enjoying the Midwestern way of life. We've been traveling recently, Arizona, Wisconsin, and Texas being the most recent ports of call. Road trips begin to lose their luster, and living out of a suitcase isn't always as relaxing as it may sound, so I plan to stay and play around home base for a while. There is plenty for me to do here in Fort Wayne, Ind., with various committees, boards, my quilting projects and classes, as well as reading for the blind, which I enjoy very much. Recently, however, I've been cramming too much into too little time, and I need to relish the moments of the day's journey instead of just hurtling through each one. But I do appreciate hearing from you, and always hope that all is well for each of you. Take care.

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Thank you, everyone, for sending in your news! **Barbara Hampden**, an agent with Re/Max Realty in Maitland, Fla., celebrated 27 years of marriage to Ed in September. Youngest son Charles Madison graduated from college in May, and they are now tuition-free for the first time since 1989! Daughter Maudie is married and works and lives in Alameda, Calif. Son Mac works and lives in Atlanta. She and Ed both are active in community growth issues, and they tutor/mentor middle-schoolers from inner-city neighborhoods in mathematics. Barb is in contact with **Janet Langhorne Murphy**, **Donna Burner Spitzer**, **Nora Kathryn Wire Weatherhead**, **Amy Krafft**, **Mary Anne Auray Guido '74**, **Patricia Auray Walker '79**, and **Lori Auray Gobillot '83**. She would love to hear from **Martha Londeree** and **Laura Noll**.

Susan Miller Perry has been a registered nurse for five years in the mother/infant unit at VCU Health System, MCV Hospital in Richmond, Va. Doug, her husband of 32 years, has been with Smurfit-Stone in West Point, where they have lived for 24 years. Both of their daughters are married and are also RNs – Elizabeth at Peninsula Cancer Institute in Williamsburg, Va., and Becca in pediatrics at MCV. Sue baby-sits Elizabeth's girls, Meghan and Ashleigh, two days a week. Sue and Doug were adding a sunroom and master bath to their home, with the two of them doing much of the work themselves. Sue noted they are very fortunate their parents are all in good health. **Janice Wenning** and husband Brad continue to enjoy Berkeley, Calif., and they take advantage of all the great attractions in the San Francisco Bay area now that she has retired after 15 years at the same company. Currently a part-time environmental consultant with a focus on supporting small environmental businesses, Janice also volunteers for the Coral Reef Alliance, a nonprofit that focuses on marine reef conservation. Janice and Brad keep up their fun international travel, with recent trips to Switzerland, Italy, Indonesia, and their place in Belize. The past year marked two sad milestones, with the loss of her father and Brad's stepfather. These events inspired a change in their lifestyles, with them focusing more time on reconnecting with family and friends.

Karren Mann worked with the computer network at UMW for a year but left to take a job with a company out of Santa Barbara, Calif., doing computer network engineering all over the country. She has engineered jobs for *The New York Times*, Delta Airlines, and many banks and schools. Karren was also the head field hockey coach at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg from 2000 to 2005, then moved on to goalie coach for Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. The horse she owned and rode for 10 years died last summer; at present, she is not riding. **Patricia Seyller** continues as costume shop manager of both the Virginia Opera and Opera Theatre of St. Louis, Mo. This spring OTSL mounted a huge new production of *The Ghosts of Versailles*, and now Pat is working with Isaac Mizrahi in the design of the future production of Stephen Sondheim's *A Little Night Music*. Living predominantly in Norfolk, Va., she prays the arts in Virginia are not going down the tubes – although she would have a good costume to stand in a soup line! Pat heard from **Seth Schrager '80**, who is costume shop manager at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

Betty Hesaltine, a Realtor at Hometown Realty in Glen Allen, Va., has been living in Richmond, Va., since 1983, when she married husband Scott. They have three daughters and were looking forward to an upturn in the economy! **Sarah DeWitt** is a psychiatric nurse for the Region 10 Community Services Board in Charlottesville, Va. **Emily Cole** is working as parish administrator at a church in Alexandria, Va., and doing freelance work for an architectural magazine. Her nephew was a UMW freshman in 2008-2009, so she enjoyed hearing about his experiences at Mary Wash. From his description, she doesn't think she'd recognize half the buildings on campus anymore! **Kathleen Williams Pyrce**, an interior designer for Ethan Allen, is raising a teenager in the Atlanta area. Kathleen is on Facebook and has had fun reconnecting with folks who are part of an "MWC Class of '77" group. Check that out for news you may not find here.

***Jennifer Miller Strobel '77 and her father were the inspiration for characters in a children's book,* I Dig George: The Story of Ferry Farm.**

Jennifer Miller Strobel has been involved in many projects since her days as a music and philosophy major, but she experienced a first this year when she learned that she and her father, Curt Miller, are the characters in a children's book, *I Dig George: The Story of Ferry Farm*, by Noelle Hall. Collette Caprara, an artist with Brushstrokes Gallery in Fredericksburg, did the illustrations. The pair secretly borrowed old snapshots of Jenny and her father, never saying a word about it until after the book was published. The story line follows an archaeological groundhog at Ferry Farm, boyhood home of George Washington, and Jenny, a fourth-grader who wants to be a newspaper writer like her father. The real Jenny is a writer with Fredericksburg's *Free Lance-Star*, and the real Jenny's father retired as an editor from there. Jennifer's oldest son, **Nathan Strobel '09**, also works at the *Free Lance-Star* as a sports assistant and just graduated as an English major at UMW!

Gwen Phillips Vieth reported her family is doing well and living in Roanoke, Va. Oldest son Brian is a freshman at the University of Richmond; twins David and Daniel are finishing their sophomore year of high school; and daughter Hollins is preparing to enter middle school. After spending nearly 20 years in Washington, D.C., serving as president of the National Council of Chain Restaurants, **Terrie Martin Dort** and husband Dean retired to Virginia's Northern Neck. They love the "rivah" life and have a waterfront home very near where the Rappahannock River runs into the Chesapeake Bay. Terrie is in her next career as an agent with Long and Foster Realtors in White Stone, Va. She would love to help any of you who want to come to the area for a vacation or retirement home. **Grace Matheny Lalonde** told me in an email that Terrie and Dean hosted her and **Kathy Haffey Bova** for a week at their home in the south of France in 2007 – truly a trip of a lifetime. Kathy has appeared in several TV commercials: Charles Town Races & Slots and Bloom Grocery Store – see her character Jan on YouTube – and a Coca-Cola commercial with James Carville and Bill Frist. She also had a small role in the movie *Burn after Reading*. Grace, a research nurse for Westat under contract to NCI, reported that daughter Marianne graduated from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland with a bachelor of science degree with honors in chemistry. She will be entering a doctoral program at Northwestern University in the fall. Grace returned to ballet class in fall 2007. She said it was rough at first and still a bit humbling, but she is enjoying it!

Susan Herb Child teaches fourth grade at a private school for the almost gifted and even some gifted near Houston, Texas. Not only are the children intelligent, but their parents do not seem affected by the recession, so her job continues to thrive. A lover of math, Susan tutors algebra to kids in the local public high schools, as the quality of math minds coming out of middle school is abysmal, she said. Her husband is teaching English at a college nearby, and her two children are grown and moving on, much to her dismay. Her granddaughter is the most perfect 5-year-old in the world and truly has no flaws! **Martha Harville** teaches school at Camp Lejeune, N.C. After more than 10 years in Germany, she moved back to this side of the Atlantic last September. While in the Quantico, Va., area in February, she saw **Catherine Tolnay** at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Catherine was working for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

Margaret Jeffries-Honeycutt is in her 24th year as a pediatrician in Warrenton, Va., with children ages 36, 34, and 20. Maggie and her husband enjoy their three grandchildren and are amazed at the accomplishments of their autistic 9-year-old grandson. They are heavily involved in community service with the Fauquier County community action committee, including a new volunteer farm and a food bank. They work with Rockingham County's Camp Still Meadows, a day camp for disabled children and adults, and hope to build a foster care facility and team with not only the camp but a nearby "healing place," a farm for children who have recently suffered a loss. Maggie said it's a very exciting time, and 53 doesn't feel as old as it sounds! **Mary Guerrant** married for the first time in October 2007. She and husband Jake Litzenberger had a lovely honeymoon in the Bahamas and now live in Ventura, Calif. They took a spectacular cruise to Alaska and enjoy traveling around California. From Jake, Mary now has three adult children, six grandchildren, three brothers-in-law, and three sisters-in-law! She had plans to retire later this year but probably will not do that for a while, as she and Jake are looking to build a retirement home in Montana near their son. She has a sister in Northern Virginia and planned to spend Christmas there.

Kathye Baldwin Geary and husband, John, hosted a gathering of Mary Washington friends in her lovely waterfront home outside Annapolis in July 2008. Joining in for the long weekend that was filled with laughter, love, and good food were: **Laura Ann Ewers Cline**, a human resources supervisor for Stafford County Public Schools (she and Bernie have been married more than 31 years and have three beautiful daughters, graduates of UMW, Virginia Tech, and Christopher Newport University); **Jane Albert McGehee**, chief of internal communications for the Defense Intelligence Agency, Office for Public Affairs (she and husband Ken live in Arlington, and son Andrew attends U.Va.); **Dana DeGroot Grobicki**, who is looking for her second full-time career as she ends her stretch as an at-home mom and school volunteer (she and husband Tom live in Columbia, Md., and their youngest daughter attends UMW); **Jody Nutter Amberly**, proud grandmother of a beautiful grandson, courtesy of son Blair (her daughter, Trish, is now practicing law in Fairfax County, Va.); **Alison Stern Wood**, who works as an investment attorney for Merrill Lynch and lives in Delaware; **Kathy Diehl Hartman**, who manages a DNA sequencing core facility at NIH (she and Steve, her husband of 31 years, live in Herndon, Va.); and **Lisa Lyle Wu**, lab director for the Oceanography/ Geophysical Systems Senior Research Lab at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Va. (she, husband Tony, and son Andrew live in Arlington.).

Projects produced by Lisa's students have been recognized as finalists this year in the Siemens and Intel Competitions. Last summer found her riding dog sleds across glaciers while studying estuaries and climate change with the University of Alaska at the Kasitsna Bay Lab on the Kenai Peninsula. She has done free-lance science writing for *The Washington Post* and Discovery Channel; she also has worked with exhibit development at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, where she has a photograph on permanent exhibit in the rotunda's elephant evolution display. She was reappointed by Gov. Tim Kaine to the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Museum of Natural History. At board meetings she enjoys catching up with the museum's Director of Development **Debbie Jordan Lewis**.

***Kathy Haffey Bova '77 has appeared in several TV programs and had a role in the movie* Burn after Reading.**

In August 2008, **Paul Slayton** and wife Debra celebrated the 30th anniversary of their wedding, which took place in the Rose Garden at Brompton. They have lived in Gainesville, Fla., since 1981 but also lived for two years in Fredericksburg in the mid-'90s. They have two daughters; Bayleigh is in her second year at Santa Fe College pursuing a career in dentistry, and Chesleigh is a junior at Buccholz High School. Paul's father retired from the faculty of Mary Washington's education department in1995, and his mother retired at that time from the registrar's office. Dr. Slayton passed away in 2004, and Paul's mother recently moved into an assisted living facility. Their former home in Orange, Va., is now the law office of his brother, **Roderic Slayton '82**. An architect since 1989, Paul is now partner in Miller Slayton Architects in Gainesville. He is involved in commercial, multifamily, and university projects in every southeastern coastal state from Virginia to Mississippi, including an ongoing series of housing projects in Mississippi that are a small part of the rebuilding effort after Hurricane Katrina.

Laura Stapleton Baker wrote that several classmates met in Williamsburg on Jan. 31, 2009, to celebrate the life and memory of **Kyle Gooch Williams**. Kyle, survived by husband Alan and two married sons, Craig and Brandon, had been recognized with many awards throughout her teaching career, most recently as Virginia Beach's 2008 Teacher of the Year. Present for the bittersweet weekend were **Debbie Grist Collins**, **Jeanne-Marie McDonough McClure**, **Joan Castner Niederlehner**, **Chris Miller Ostendorff**, **Karen Miller Fales**, **Ann Acworth Gorman**, **Barbara Watkins Cureton**, **Nancy Hoagland**, **Deb Henderson Addis**, and **Martha West Hennessey**. Jeanne-Marie and Laura organized the weekend while remembering great times in Marshall dorm during their freshman year. Here is their news: Laura and husband Geoff live in West Chester, Pa., near Philadelphia and have a Re/Max Real Estate business. Jeanne-Marie works at Fort Detrick, Md., managing a lab at an Army health clinic; she and husband Ron live in wild, wonderful West Virginia and have a 25-year-old daughter, Annmarie. **Debbie Collins** works with the North Carolina State University Institute for Transportation Research and Education; she and husband Rip live in Salisbury, N.C., and have two children: Will, 20, and Casey, 18. **Joan Niederlehner** and husband Jim are in Roanoke, where Joan works part time in a boutique and is active in the Mary Washington Alumni Association. They have two daughters, Kelly, 24, and Mary Clark, 20.

Chris Ostendorff, a special education teacher in Vienna, Va., and husband Bill live in Oakton, Va. **Karen Fales**, a personal trainer in Bethesda, Md., lives with husband John in Poolesville, Md. **Ann Gorman**, in her 32nd year of teaching, lives with her husband in Machipongo, Va., and has two children: Riley, 23, and Catherine, 17. **Barbara Cureton** lives in Auburn, Calif.; she and her husband are retired and travel the world. **Nancy Hoagland** is in Cary, N.C., and works for Oxford University Press. **Deb Addis** and husband Scot recently relocated to Atlanta, Ga., from the San Francisco area. Deb, a nurse for more than 30 years, retired from the Navy Nurse Corps. **Martha Hennessey** teaches pre-K at Broadwater Academy in Exmore, Va., where husband Rod also works, and where their two boys, Patrick, 16, and Connor, 15, attend school.

It's been ages since I've heard from **Steve Whitaker**, who has worked as a location manager/scout for New York television and film companies. He had quite a following as a dance and exercise teacher and has recently been cast in Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* with a local theater group. Living in New Canaan, Conn., with wife Margot and daughters Alexandra, 10, and Annie, 6, Steve is an exercise consultant and has danced and acted in about 10 shows in recent years. Still in Lynchburg, Va., **Jackie Alby** and **Jud Gardner '80** sent their last baby, Morgan, out the door to the University of Alabama last year. Oldest daughter Lauren, with a master's degree in special education, is teaching in Charlotte, N.C., and Bryn is working in marketing with an event planner in Nashville. They definitely miss the kids but have plenty of work of their own to keep them busy. Jud is in his 16th year as owner of JM Gardner Insurance, and Jackie works with two medical nonprofits as executive director of Vitiligo Support International and president of the Coalition of Skin Diseases. She was recently in San Francisco for a conference, so Jud flew out, and they took a couple of days to sightsee.

As for me, **Mary Byrd**, I am out of the television biz and now work for Daughters of Charity Health System, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality health care for the sick and the poor. I continue to write fiction, have taught yoga for three years, and sing in my church choir, which I love. All of this says there *is* life after breast cancer and divorce! Each day is truly precious. Please continue to send me your news whenever you wish. As a class, we have known each other more than 35 years now! Stay in touch!

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Our 30th reunion has come and gone! It was a great time and so much fun to see everyone. We are light on news this time. Would love to hear from you, even if it is just to say hi!

After a successful capital campaign at our regional community college, I was recruited away as director of development for the Westport (Conn.) Public Library. It was a great promotion, and although fund raising is challenging in these times, libraries are busier than ever! I am also on the board of the regional chapter of Association of Professional Fundraisers and had the opportunity to bring **Janet L. Hedrick '73**, a fund-raising consultant with Bentz Whaley Flessner, to speak. She was wonderful, and it was great to meet her. Since we are five years apart, our classes celebrate reunions together! On a sad note, **Kim Barlow Hoffman** reported that her husband of nearly 31 years, George, died unexpectedly on Jan. 26, 2009, from a pulmonary embolism. Although it was peaceful, it was shocking, and she is having a hard time and missing him tremendously. Her email is Phnkbh@aol.com, and I am sure that she would love to hear from you.

> ***Paul Slayton '77, an architect, is involved in housing projects in Mississippi that are part of rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina.***

Martha "Happy" Clark has been living in Palo Alto, Calif., for almost 14 years, and is married, with no children, two cats, and a recent new addition of her mom's 10-year-old miniature schnauzer. She's a psychotherapist with private practice offices in San Francisco and Palo Alto, Calif., and she is also a writer. I've subscribed to her newsletter, *On a Limb*. She reports that she became an orphan last year (her mom died), and the experience is quite surreal. She is an avid sports fan, gardener, walker, and trying like heck to fall in love with strength training. She was bummed that she couldn't make it to the reunion. **Cheryl Johnston Bishop-Bailey** is still living in England, near Bath, with her British husband, Michael. Their one and only daughter, Lauren, moved into her own flat in a town nearby with a little help from her parents. Lauren graduated with a degree in chemistry from Southampton University but decided that spending her days in a laboratory was not the career for her. She is now a police constable and loves it. Cheryl enjoyed reading all of the alumni notes before the reunion.

Paul Ladue has been living in Asheville, N.C., since 1989. After a circuitous employment route, he is an RN at the local hospital and has been on the neuro/spine floor for four years. He has been married for 23 years and has a 15-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter, five cats, and four dogs. He said his house is literally a zoo, but he and his family love their life there!

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Mary Ann Mayer is celebrating 10 years in business this year – she opened her bed and breakfast in 1999. Their Gorham, N.H., multiple sclerosis walk team, The Mount Washington B & B Walkers, again received an award from the MS Society for raising the most money for a corporate team last year – five years in a row! **Dave Powell '84** and his wife and daughter are part of the team (go Mary Washington!). Dixon and **Kiki Connerton Smith** are stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he is commander of Navy Region Hawaii and of Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. Kiki continues to follow him around, but, she said, paradise isn't bad. Daughter Cragan, 16, is a junior in high school. Zachary, 19, is studying media arts and animation at the Art Institute of Portland. Tucker, 21, planned to graduate with a degree in business and economics from Oregon State in June and is engaged to his high school sweetheart, Tiffany Townsend. No wedding date yet, but the job search is on.

Mabel Royal started a new position at the Biomedical Biotechnology Research Institute at North Carolina Central Institute in March. She said going back into research and academia will be a change. **Farah Maynor Marks** is still in Lynchburg, Va., working full time after many years of part-time work. She's in development/donor relations at Randolph College, formerly known as Randolph-Macon Women's College. Daughter Marilyn is completing her first year in violin performance at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., and son Samuel is a ninth-grader. Dudley and Farah continue to volunteer on symphony orchestra/music festival boards, teach Sunday school, and attend baseball games and band concerts. **Laura Wong Dolloff** is living in Colorado Springs, Colo., and had a new addition to the family in February: a Bichon Frise named Lucario (her girls are fans

of Pokémon), born Dec. 1, 2007. Hubby Mike is still working with Boeing in Colorado Springs as a software engineer, and she is a French/Spanish teacher. Girls Kaylee, 9, and Lauren, 7, will be going into fifth and second grades. They spent Christmas 2008 in Colorado with family and friends; they look forward to spending the next one in Panama. The Dolloffs enjoyed a fun ski season, and the girls are getting good at the sport. They look forward to many camping trips this summer. Last summer, the girls enjoyed two months in Panama practicing Spanish and being with the family; this year they are all staying put in Colorado.

Anne Thompson Steen wrote from Arlington, Va., and said it was great seeing everyone at the reunion. They were gearing up for a visit from **Sarah Thompson Doig** and her family in March. Sarah and family were looking at schools on the East Coast for her daughter and taking in the D.C. sites as well. They all hope to also head south to visit **Wendy Burnette Dickinson** in Richmond. Anne reported that the Steen clan was busy and well. Dan was still traveling around the world with his job. Their oldest, a daughter, was finishing her senior year of high school, and was thrilled college applications were done. She was accepted to some good schools and was waiting to hear from a few more. Their son was a freshman in high school, and his life revolved around lacrosse and friends, with schoolwork in between. Anne started back to work full time at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. She was enjoying it but missing her time at home.

Nelly Garza has been married for 25 years as of last November and saw **Susie Leavitt** (before she got married) at the reunion in June '08. Nelly has been working at Frost National Bank for more than 11½ years and is currently in the international commercial lending department. Her sons, Matthew, 24, and Andrew, 18, are in college and high school, respectively. Matthew was to graduate from Texas A&M University this year and will go on to teach physical education and history in middle school or high school. Nelly and husband David started a home business with Herbalife in August; they lost weight and are much healthier!

Glen Bell is still with Delta in Atlanta working on the integration with Northwest Air Lines. He traveled in March to Minneapolis, London, Dallas, and Prague. In March, Glen met up with **John Middlebrook** in London, and they took in a soccer match. Glen and his family planned to spend Easter week in the Czech Republic on a church mission trip. Glen showed his boys, ages 6 and 8, Mary Washington over New Year's. Regrettably, Carl's was closed for the winter, as usual. **Sharon Robertson Williamson** wrote that her life is quite different. She was with Circuit City in IT for more than 19 years and, with the closing of the company, became a stay-at-home mom. She planned to take off up to a year and consider what she may want to do – perhaps teach math or computer science at the high school or college level. Hubby Brian was still designing machines and having a ball. Shelby, almost 15, is the

Charles Kennedy, senior vice president of research for ABC Television, said Mary Washington provided him with a good combination of skills for his line of work.

Alum Is **Tuned in** to What Network Viewers **Choose To Watch**

Charles Kennedy '85 wants you to tune into ABC TV this fall, and he wants you to like what you see so much that you'll come back week after week. In fact, Kennedy is testing pilot programs during what he calls an "amazing, exciting time."

As senior vice president of research for the ABC Television Network in Burbank, Calif., Kennedy is responsible for ratings analysis and forecasts. Analyzing audience preferences and behavior is his area of expertise, but studying social and cultural trends is his passion.

The son of a diplomat, Kennedy grew up in Yugoslavia, Greece, and Korea. His experiences overseas influenced his academic choices, he said. "As a Foreign Service brat, you have to adapt and make friends fast. Developing those skills seemed to make dramatic arts a natural for me."

After a stint at Syracuse University – "great dramatic arts training, but the school was too big" – he transferred to UMW, where he gained acting, writing, and directing experience. Then, degree in hand, Kennedy made his way to the West Coast on a Yamaha 250 motorcycle. "I went to California hoping to write for television," he said. "Then I lowered my goal to just wanting to eat."

He decided to try breaking into television through the research niche, he explained, "because nobody really wanted those jobs." The strategy paid off when he landed an opening with a small syndicator and then joined upstart "netlet" Fox Broadcasting. During his 12 years at Fox, Kennedy advanced to vice president of program research. He was responsible for testing viewer reaction to all Fox programs, marketing concepts, and brand images, and he was involved in the launch of The FX channel, The Family Channel, and Fox Sports.

Kennedy routinely sat down with producers of shows like *The Simpsons* and *Beverly Hills 90210*. His greatest strength proved to be the ability to interpret research in ways that Hollywood's biggest egos could understand.

"I discovered that I'm a diplomat, like my father," he said. "I'm the person who can analyze the dry numbers and turn them into compelling stories that people could relate to."

UMW prepared him well, he added. "Courses like astronomy and physics trained my analytical side, but dramatic arts also gave me the dialect of the creative side. It was the perfect storm."

Kennedy left Fox to join DYG, a consumer research company, where for seven years he focused on entertainment consumer research. His ongoing interest in social trends has led him to pursue a master's degree in future studies through the University of Houston. He characterizes future studies as "a holistic approach to strategic planning."

In the present, Kennedy surfs both at the beach and on the TV channels at home – "mostly shows that I can watch with my family." He and his wife, Theresa, just celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. She runs a nonprofit online magazine that encourages people to learn about and become involved in a wide variety of causes. Daughter Maggie is 15 and son Charlie (the IV) is 17.

ABC tapped Kennedy in March. In his current job, he oversees a team of 15 researchers in a New York office, so he periodically gets back East. His parents live in Annandale, Va.

"I owe so much to the training I received at Mary Washington," he said. "It has paid huge dividends for me. Here I am helping a major network decide what shows it should put on to enthrall millions of viewers. How much more fun could I have than that?"

– Nancy Alexander

typical high school girl who enjoys activities such as sleepovers. She was taking all honors classes, and her mom said she is going to rule the world someday. Hunter, 14, is also a smart cookie. Both are happy, healthy, and active.

Susan Leavitt was married on Halloween 2008 to Dr. Jon K. Andrus. She attended the Mary Washington centennial celebration in spring 2008 and saw lots of alums. Susan is a top agent with McEnearney Associates Inc. in Northern Virginia and sees **Karen Day** regularly at real estate closings. **Kathy Walters Along** wrote that they are doing well in Cocoa, Fla., and staying busy. Her children, Gina, 14, and Joseph, 11, are close to entering high school.

Well, the fun never stops for me. I continue to stay busy with work at Humana and the two sons at home. Michael, 16, had an emergency appendectomy in early March but is fine. He is into computers big time. Youngest son Frank, 15, participated in a national speech and debate competition. My oldest traveled with his a cappella group during spring break and brought home 20 from the group – and that was while we had a French foreign exchange student staying with us. Never dull around here. Keep in touch, everyone: you can email, write, call, or use Facebook.

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From Auby:

Dear classmates: Hope all is well. Write and let us know what is happening in your lives so we can post it in the next alumni magazine.

Greg Chambers, who earned a bachelor of liberal studies in computer science, was awarded a doctorate in business administration from Nova-Southeastern University in December. Greg lives in Fredericksburg and is a lead project engineer for the U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, Va.

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From Kim:

I am so excited to be a class agent, and I have been pleasantly surprised by the response. Please feel free to send updates anytime throughout the year. I live in Lawton, Okla., with husband Ken, our son, Chris, and our border collie, Sasha. Ken and I own a computer services company and are starting our 13th year in business. Chris is 17 and a junior in high school. He loves (and lives) soccer and plans to be a veterinarian. Ken flies radio control airplanes, and I love to garden and do yoga. We are all avid St. Louis Cardinals fans and look forward to baseball season every year.

Jill Marcoux has been living in the Hampton Roads area since 2005 and was enjoying getting to know the area. **Janet Warner** moved back to Prince George, Va., in 1991 to care for her ill mother. Her mother passed away in 1992, and Janet's father became ill and died in 2001. Fortunately, she was able to care for both of her parents during their illnesses. Janet worked for a steamship line in Richmond, Va., for 14 years; now the company is relocating and her department is being eliminated. If anybody is looking for a distribution manager, I can put you in touch with Janet. Janet is single, loves to travel in the U.S. and abroad, and is dabbling in writing. She hopes one day to publish a book. She was keeping in touch with friends from Mary Washington, and they often meet on campus to reminisce about college days.

Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin was also experiencing major career changes. As of January, she was no longer on the radio with WGIC Magic 98.5. Instead, she was spending more time with the Wilhelmina Dan Modeling and Talent Agency and was branching out into acting. She reported that all her years on the radio prepared her for improvisation. Her husband, Jim, does freelance writing and helps Jane Ellen with her podcasts. Their older daughter, Anna Grace, turns 4 this year, and Jenna turns 3. Jane Ellen said she and Jim are riding the wave of change and reinventing themselves.

Stephanie Farmer Robbins and her husband, Gordon, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in December. Congratulations! They live in Colonial Heights, Va. Stephanie is an account representative for a packaging company, MeadWestvaco, and Gordon is a claims adjuster for Liberty Mutual. Her stepdaughter, Ashlee, is 24 and lives in the area. Their son, Matthew Jackson, is 20 and just finished a seven-month tour of Iraq with his Marine Corps reserve unit. He is attending Richard Bland College and preparing for a special forces unit in the military. Their daughter, Lindsey Kay, 18, planned to tour with LIFT Student Ministries this summer before starting at Liberty University in the fall. Stephanie said she and Gordon are proud of their children, and she will never forget her days at Mary Washington.

Mary Ann Mayer '83 is celebrating 10 years owning a bed and breakfast. The B&B's Multiple Sclerosis Walk team received an award for raising money.

Congratulations also go to **Toni Moore Milbourne** and her husband, Tom, who will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in the fall. Toni, Tom, and their four children live in Harpers Ferry, W.Va. She is a reporter for the local paper and works for a talk radio station reporting local news. Their oldest daughter, Polly, will start at Fairmont University in the fall and major in elementary education. Their son, Allen, is 16 and an athlete. Daughters Maggie, 10, and Samantha, 8, are active in 4-H and softball. **Traci Forrester McGee** moved from Mechanicsville, Va., to Vancouver, Wash., three years ago after completing a master's degree in health services administration from Strayer University in 2005. She works for Medtronic in the neurologic technologies division as a business development manager for the Northwest and frontier states. Traci has been a registered nurse since 1996 and has a background in the operating room, mainly in trauma and neurosurgery. She joined the Army Reserve in April 2008 and was to go to officer's basic training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, in April. Good luck, Traci!

Jennifer Lee Parrish lives in Fredericksburg and continues to practice law at Parrish, Houck & Snead, PLC. She focuses on civil litigation defense, insurance defense, and education law. This year, she was serving as chairperson of the litigation section of the Virginia State Bar. Best of all, she was recently chosen by the Litigation Section Board to give a continuing legal education seminar to the Virginia State Bar members in Marbella, Spain, in November. What an accomplishment!

From René:

I am working as the chief of staff for the program executive office of Integrated Warfare Systems at the Washington Navy Yard. I live in Chantilly, Va., with my husband, Dan, and our two kids. Daughter Rylie is a freshman at Chantilly High School and plays on the JV soccer team; she also played field hockey for Chantilly in the fall. Son Ryan is in sixth grade at Oak Hill Elementary. He plays football, baseball, and basketball. Ryan's football team won the Fairfax County football championship and went all the way to the Metro Bowl this year! Last summer, I enjoyed a few days of rest and relaxation at Lake Anna with former college roommates **Anne "Z" Zemienieuski Fowler** and **Jeanette Bergmann Engel**. We had a great time catching up and hanging out with our families.

Sarah Howard Burns '88 lives in Virginia Beach. She has two daughters, both on the honor roll. Sarah has vivid recollections

of living in Brent Hall, sledding on Marshall Hill, and being enlightened by great lectures during her years at Mary Washington.

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From Jay:

Hello, Class of '88! I attended last year's reunion, had a great time, and came away with my new title of Class Agent. Please forward a blurb on where you are and what you are doing in life, or I will track you down on Facebook. I'm enjoying lif with my wife, **Kathy '90**, and our three wonderful children. We live just outside Leesburg, Va. I'm a pilo with a major airline and am based out of JFK airport. Thanks to Adam Annie, Don, and Kemetia, who all submitted updates below.

Adam Smith has been recruiting senior executives for clients through his firm, Adam Smith Executive Search Consulting. During time off, Adam has been volunteering with Fairfax County Fire and Rescue as an EMT, scuba diving in the Galapagos, taking motorcycle racing classes, and pursuing practical firearms training. Adam plans to pursue graduate studies in organizational development, and to go scuba diving in French Polynesia. **Annie Thompson Collins** is married to Nate Collins and they have two girls. They recently moved to Williamsburg, where Annie is the education minister for Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and is part of the support staff for the law office of Susan I. Jean and Associates, LLC. **Don Appiarius** has been married to a wonderful woman, Vivian, for 15 years; their anniversary is in October. They planned to adopt 17-month-old Na-Lee Appiarius from China in April. Don serves as the associate vice president for student development at Shenandoah University, and this is the last year of classes for his doctorate in organizational leadership.

Couple Found **Meeting of Hearts and Minds** in Each Other

David and Dierdre Powell White are driven to succeed – in life and love.

They were teenagers when they met, but **David White '92** and **Deirdre Powell White '91** recognized something familiar in each other – an earnest drive to learn, succeed in life, and give something back. Those values have served them well in the nearly 20 years since they graduated and married.

Deirdre White owns DPW Training & Associates, a company that contracts with federal agencies to teach employees how to use proprietary software.

David White runs his own successful property management business but is selling it to focus on what he found to be his true professional calling – being a teacher. He teaches marketing at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg and is working toward becoming a high school principal.

Both graduates of Fredericksburg-area high schools, David and Deirdre didn't start their college careers at Mary Washington.

David first went to Virginia Tech but "had a little bit too much fun," and his grades suffered. Eventually, his parents, Frank and Dorothy White, imposed some reality: He would have to pay for the rest of college. He got a job and joined the Army National Guard to earn tuition money.

He and Deirdre met on a blind date the summer after his freshman year in college and her senior year in high school. She soon left for Howard University in Washington, where she excelled academically. But a housing crunch after her sophomore year thwarted plans to stay in Washington, and she returned to her hometown.

Then, Mary Washington made the top-notch student a sweet scholarship offer covering tuition, room, and board. It didn't hurt that David was transferring there, too. But he wasn't the only reason, she insisted to her mother, Lucille McReynolds, and uncle and aunt, Herman and Virginia Griffin.

By the time the two arrived on campus, they were older, more sure of themselves, and sure of each other as well. Both majored in business administration and were dedicated students. David lived off campus and worked, but managed to participate in both BOND (Brothers of a New Direction) and the Black Student Alliance, of which Deirdre also was a member. Deirdre lived on campus and helped found Women of Color, which promotes unity and awareness about women of different cultural backgrounds.

After graduation, Deirdre went on to earn an MBA at James Madison University while David worked as an admissions counselor at Mary Washington. They married soon after, six years after that first, fateful blind date.

Deirdre's career path took a fairly straightforward direction. She taught at a computer school, then at Germanna Community College, where, by the time she left, she was acting director of the continuing education division. In her next position at George Mason University, she networked with a woman who owned her own business. That gave Dierde the impetus to start her own Spotsylvania-based DPW Training & Associates, which now employs a staff of 15.

David, a self-described jack of all trades, took a more roundabout course to finding his calling. He was a program director for the United Negro College Fund, a pharmaceutical salesman, and an acquisitions director for a recorded-books company. Eventually, his entrepreneurial spirit led him to get a real estate license as the housing market was taking off in the early 2000s. He launched his property management company, which became a success.

Then, as a favor, he agreed to do some substitute teaching and found that he loved it. He became a long-term sub and eventually accepted a full-time teaching position with Fredericksburg public schools. He also enrolled in an educational leadership program at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The Whites are passing on a love of learning and a solid work ethic to their daughters, Kiersten, 12, and Kayla, 7. Kiersten will spend a week on the UMW campus this summer as a James Farmer Scholar. And the couple recently took both girls to UMW's Multicultural Fair. The family lives in Spotsylvania County.

David White said he has been impressed by President Judy Hample's commitment to improving campus diversity. Both he and Deirdre said that welcoming Greek organizations to campus would help attract minority students. Deirdre is a national board member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority; David is active in Omega Psi Phi.

The Whites also are helping other young people achieve their college dreams. They offer an annual scholarship of $500 to a James Monroe High School student in memory of Deirdre's late cousin, Jessica Shivonne Griffin. The winner is also given an internship with Deirdre's company.

"It's a way of giving back a little bit to the community," David White said.

– Laura Moyer

Kemetia "M.K." Foley '87 has had a busy year. Daughter Kateri entered fifth grade and is a natural on violin. Kemetia has written a blog for administrative professionals for about three years, and this year she was asked to be a contributing writer for a blog in Canada and another one stateside. Kemetia was still doing a fair number of speaking and emcee engagements, though those have slowed down with the economic downturn. She said they are grateful to be living the metro Washington area for Brian's work, where the construction industry has not slowed down much. They were enjoying a great season from the Capitals. Kemetia said it has been really fun to connect with a number of classmates on Facebook, and she is really impressed with their interesting jobs and travel.

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Hello, Class of 1991! I hope everyone is doing well. I have not received much class news lately, so please send me your updates for the next issue. I would love to hear from you! Here's the latest.

Mike Lysaght and his wife, **Christine Redmon '95**, live in Greenville, N.C., where Mike is a district manager and runs the dining program at East Carolina University. Christine is a part-time physical therapist and full-time mom. Their children, Jake, 7, and Kate, 5, recently welcomed twin brothers Andrew and Jonathan. Mike still keeps in touch with **Brian Basil**, **Pat Dunne '93**, **Mick Philp**, **Sam Carson**, and **Steve Edwards**.

Hilaire Thompson, Ph.D., RN, was inducted as a fellow into the American Academy of Nursing during its 35th annual meeting and conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., in November. Selection is based in part on the extent to which nominees' nursing careers influence health policies for the benefit of all Americans. Hilaire was recognized for her research on reducing disability and improving outcomes in persons with traumatic brain injury.

I hope to hear from many more of you soon!

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From Bethany:

Jason Ackerman recently became chief audit executive at Georgetown University. He spent the last four years traveling around the world working for a nonprofit and living in 18 countries on four continents. Jason reported that **Jon-Eric Dentz** is married, practicing law, and living in the New York City metro area. Jason also wrote that **Marla Bennett**, her husband, and son are preparing for a new overseas State Department assignment.

Tama and **Jon Press** still live in Oswego, Ill., and love it. They have added another dog to the family, to make a total of two dogs and three cats. Their oldest daughter is in junior high. Tama planned to head back to Fredericksburg to run in the Marine Corps Historic Half in May and then will run the Chicago Marathon, her fourth, in the fall. Tama also is headed to Haiti on a mission trip in June to help set up a child sponsorship program through New Life for Haiti.

Bennett Sutton '95 and I welcomed our second daughter, Cara, to the family in February. We have been building a house in Arlington, Va., and planned to move in May.

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Kelly Barnes works for an international association that is affiliated in the U.S. with the Army Corps of Engineers. She and her husband, Casey, live in Fairfax, Va., with their 2-year-old daughter, Abigail. Last summer, **Michelle Hollet Bayless** and her family relocated to Japan for three years. They quickly conquered driving on the "wrong" side of the road and easily adjusted to a house half the size of what they had in Virginia, but the language barrier wasn't easy to overcome. Michelle was freelancing for *Mailbox* magazine and working part time as an English teacher. When not working, they were trying to explore as much of Japan as possible.

Jennifer Fox Jenkins has been teaching students with disabilities in special education for 11 years now. She has been married for almost 16 years to a wonderful man, George Jenkins. They live in Luray, Va., and their son, Tyler, 15, is in 10th grade. **Nick Miller** and his wife, Robin, are still living in San Antonio, Texas, and have two boys, Noah and Wesley, who are 8 and 6. Nick works for Choice Hotels International and covers most of south Texas. **Thomas Glatt Jr.** and his wife, **Jennifer Sycks '95**, live in Wilmington, N.C., with their two kids, Tyler, 8, and Caitlin, 5. They have been there since 2005, having moved from Southern California. Jen is a freelance travel writer, and has been to Greece, Antigua, Bermuda, and Egypt on assignments. After working for 11 years as a banking consultant for a small firm based in California, Tom opened his own consulting firm in 2007.

Adam Smith '88 owns an executive search consulting business. During time off, he volunteers as an EMT, scuba dives in the Galapagos, takes motorcycle racing classes, and pursues practical firearms training.

Correction from the fall/winter 2008 issue: **Michael Cerami** does not work for the National Association of Broadcasters; however, he did some contract work for them at the beginning of 2008.

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In March, **Julie Kraus** started a new job in the development office at the University of Tampa. Julie has been in Florida for about four years and loves living in the Tampa Bay area. In her spare time, she has performed in several community theater productions of Gilbert & Sullivan operettas, and is currently enrolled in the University of Tampa's certificate in nonprofit management program.

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In 1999, **Marc Todd** moved to Seattle to work for Microsoft after getting a master's degree in human factors and applied cognition from George Mason University. He has been doing research for Microsoft for nine years, first working with mobile devices and most recently working on Xbox games. In 2004, he married his wife, Susan (who also graduated from GMU and works for Microsoft), on the Big Island of Hawaii. Even though it was a small wedding, they were fortunate to have Crayton and **Theresa Simmons** of the island of Oahu attend. On July 29, 2008, Marc and Susan's lives changed dramatically with the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl. If you don't count the two golden retrievers, the twins were the first additions to their family. The family was hoping to visit friends and family back on the East Coast soon.

Rick Oppedisano is also seeing double! He and his wife, Shelley, had twin girls, Michaela Rose and Madeleine Elizabeth, on Dec. 26, 2008. The girls came six weeks early and weighed in at about 4 pounds each. Shelley had severe pre-eclampsia and was admitted to the hospital on Christmas Eve. They spent Christmas there, and the girls arrived the next day at 7:15 p.m. and 7:16 p.m. Rick said mom and daughters are fine, everyone is healthy, and fatherhood is a blast! **Amy Halter Watkins** and **Eric Watkins** also have twins, 4-year-old daughters Kylie and Mackenzie. The Watkins welcomed baby Adelyn in late 2008 and are living in Fredericksburg, where Eric runs Infinity Technologies. Eric, **Jeff Tench**, and Jeff Berner opened the business the day they graduated, and they are doing great. Amy is teaching fifth grade in Spotsylvania County, Va., and she and Eric are celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary this summer.

And the twins theme continues . . . **Gillian Cohee Anderson** has lived in Richmond for 11 years with her husband and their four children: Nathan, 12, Stewart, 7, and twins Lucy and Matilda, 5. In 2000, Gillian earned an master of library science degree from Catholic University. She's spent the past four years working for the Department of Correctional Education as both a librarian and an English teacher. A baby boom seems to be well under way for the Class of '96! **Erik** and **Martha Fay Burtis** welcomed Graeme Irick on Aug. 2, 2008. He was growing and doing great, along with his big sister, Madigan. Erik works at Northern Virginia Community College as a geology instructor, and Martha works part time for teaching and learning technologies at UMW. **Jen Mullins Walker** and husband Brett welcomed their second daughter, Campbell, in November 2008. Big sister Tatum turned 3 at the end of March and has done a fabulous job welcoming Campbell. If two little ones weren't enough to keep Jen busy, she has been admitted to George Mason's doctoral program for special education and education leadership. **Jessica Fulmer Chafin** and husband Jason

Sports Memorabilia is Just One in Alum's **Lineup of Interests**

Tim Landis '93 has worked on Capitol Hill, appeared on CNN, and acted in movies and on television, but he finds that people usually recognize his family lineage rather than his face. "Someone may see my name on a credit card, or I'll be buying something online, or I'll meet someone for the first time, and they'll ask, 'By any chance, are you related to Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis?'" he said.

Landis' great-uncle was, in fact, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the outspoken federal judge and first commissioner of organized baseball who helped restore the national pastime's tarnished image following the "Black Sox scandal" of 1919. Having grown up listening to his father's stories about their famous relative, Tim became intrigued with the sports memorabilia market, particularly items related to his great-uncle. Part of the Mary Washington alumnus' extensive collection of books, articles, photographs, programs, and other items includes some 200 vintage newspaper wire and press photos of the baseball commissioner.

The Falls Church, Va., resident's involvement in sports is mostly from the sidelines these days, but during elementary and secondary school, he played first base and center field in Arlington County, Va., baseball leagues. He also played intramural softball at Mary Washington. His favorite professional team is the Washington Nationals, but he was a "huge" Baltimore Orioles and Cal Ripken fan growing up and owns a 1954 program from the Orioles' first year in Baltimore and a 1954 ticket stub.

Landis' burgeoning collection of sports and historical memorabilia benefits from today's technology; he browses listings on eBay and scours online historical auctions. He also attends sports and other memorabilia shows. "I take pride in having objects that are one of a kind," he said.

Tim Landis '93 poses with some of the items from his collection of sports memorabilia. "I take pride in having objects that are one of a kind."

Rare among such artifacts is a 4-foot panoramic team photograph of the 1937 Washington Redskins (the year the team moved from Boston to Washington and won the National Football League Championship) signed by every member of the team, including the legendary Sammy Baugh.

An American studies major while at Mary Washington, Landis also appreciates the historic significance of sports and other vintage memorabilia, such as ticket stubs from famous games. "The person who had that stub witnessed that historic event, and now I'm holding something that was present there as well. I have a big appreciation for ticket stubs and photographs and just basically anything that is interesting, historical, and has a story to tell."

Landis has his own stories to relate as well. Following his graduation from Mary Washington, he worked in the offices of congressmen Bud Shuster (R-Pa.) and Jay Kim (R-Calif.) in Washington, D.C. He also served as a legislative assistant for Frank LoBiondo (R-N.J.) and as a press secretary for Deborah Pryce (R-Ohio).

Always interested in politics, Landis was once selected by CNN for an on-air panel discussing current events. For the past eight years, he has worked as a real estate agent in Northern Virginia. The flexible hours allow him to pursue one of his other passions – acting in movies and on television. Last September, he played a forensic examiner on TV's *America's Most Wanted*. "I couldn't help but think that those two semesters of biology at Mary Washington finally came in handy!"

Over the last 15 years, the gregarious Landis has also appeared in *The Pelican Brief*, Oliver Stone's *Nixon*, the 1997 movie *Contact*, and several commercials.

Most people have vocations, and many have avocations. With Tim Landis, it can be difficult to tell where one stops and the other begins. He's just living life to the fullest and on his own terms.

– Jack Bales

Jack Bales, author and longtime UMW reference and humanities librarian, is researching a book on the Chicago Cubs and their pennant-winning decade of the 1930s.

welcomed son Connor in January. Big sister Hannah will turn 3 later this year, so the Chafin household undoubtedly is never dull! **Sara Bickford McGarvey** and husband Tim celebrated their five-year anniversary in Italy last summer. They were expecting their first child in July and have decided to wait to find out the sex of the baby until the big arrival. **Anne Harrell Gilroy** and her husband are expecting their second child.

Joe and **Kathleen Dooley Harrell** live outside Richmond. They have a 2-year-old daughter named Sibyl. Kathleen is teaching first grade in Henrico County. Also in Virginia are **Lisa Blackley Dmochowski** and husband **Michael Dmochowski '95**, who make their home in Roanoke with children Emma, 8, Eric, 5, and Eliza, 2. Lisa and Michael will celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary this year. Michael works for Advance Auto Parts at their corporate office, and Lisa enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. **Angela Tweedy Gladwell**, husband Jerry, Alice, 6, and Scott, 4, live Manassas, Va. Angie keeps busy with her job at FEMA, where she is director of the Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation. **Derek Bottcher** was sworn in as a member of the Virginia Bar in June 2008. He practices law in the employment practice of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP in their Washington, D.C., office. **Barbara Pando-Behnke** and husband Chris live in College Park, Md., with their son, Evan Arturo, who celebrated his second birthday in March. Barbara works for Catholic Relief Services in workforce development. **April Tofanelli** doesn't stay in the same place for too long! She has returned to San Francisco after moving back to Virginia for a few months. She is a consultant with Watson Wyatt. Her boyfriend, George, recently proposed, so April is now in wedding planning mode! Right after proposing, George left for Army Reserve training and school for six months.

Alyssa Martin and her partner, Tony, and their 18-month-old child, Zane, live in Rutledge, Mo., at Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage. Alyssa has been attending births as a midwife for more than nine years now and has a small rural practice. They intend to break ground for another house this summer, a straw-bale structure that will give them more room to spread out. You never know where you unexpectedly will run into classmates: **Jen Rudalf Gates** and **James Bosley** bumped into each other while on vacation in Duck, N.C., with their families in August 2008. He is married with two children and lives in the Northern Virginia area, where he works for Capital One. Jen also ran into **Aaron Zielinski** at Trader Joe's and was excited to meet his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Benjamin, who turned 1 in February. Aaron is working hard building his practice as a financial adviser with Wells Fargo Advisors. As for Jen, she and husband Mark celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary as well as Jen's promotion to vice president with Bank of America. Jen is currently leading Bank of America's instructional design effort for the Countrywide acquisition. She and Mark love to travel and spent time in Mexico; Hilton Head, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; Dallas; San Antonio; the Outer Banks of North Carolina; and Disney World in Florida last year. Their son, Connor, turned 4 in February and is active in swimming and soccer, in addition to repeatedly asking for a little brother (if only it were that easy!).

Both of us, Jill and Jen, have enjoyed reconnecting with you. If you are not on Facebook, please consider joining. We've been able to hear from so many of you through this tool, as well as connect classmates via the Mary Washington '96 page. We wish all of you the very best and hope you will keep the news coming!

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From Amy:

Just a quick note to share my official goodbye! Craig and I will be welcoming our second son in June, so I have decided to retire from writing the column. Thanks to each of you who has shared your news over the past 12 years, and a special thanks to **Michelle Trombetta** for keeping the column going so strongly!

From Chelle:

I would like to extend a thank you to **Amy Szczepanski Evanego** for her 12 years of contributing to our class notes. Best of luck, Amy, and remember to keep me up to date with your news!

Alyssa Martin '96 has a small rural practice in Missouri as a midwife. She lives in Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage.

Many of our classmates are on the move. **Marcie Pierson** moved to Massachusetts more than a year ago and is working in a small public library in Grafton. She misses Virginia, but she's not moving back anytime soon because she got engaged; she and her fiancé, Kevin, were planning an August wedding. In July, **Maura Kurtz Mobley** and her family moved from Davis, Calif., to New Orleans, La. Husband David took a faculty position with the University of New Orleans chemistry department. Maura, David, and their daughter, Mary, experienced their first hurricane evacuation at the end of August when they were forced to leave their home due to Hurricane Gustav. On Sept. 18, about two weeks after returning to New Orleans, Maura gave birth to their second daughter, Maggie. **Elise Balkin Ice** moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in August 2007. She lives there with her husband, Jason, and their two boxers, Dewey and Mugsy. Elise and Jason visited Vegas in early spring with their families for a little sun and fun.

Julie Wiater Byrne and her husband, Brian, moved to a new home in Manassas, Va., with their three children, Teagan, 4, Athanasius, 2, and Christian, born in December 2008. Julie was staying busy teaching the children and volunteering at her local parish. **Peter Sullivan** and his three children moved from New Jersey to Little Rock, Ark., in December 2008. Son Dom, 10, got a pet tamarin monkey after the move and named him Mr. Deez. Peter reports their house has been a mess ever since. After moving to Dallas from Austin, Texas, in February 2008, **Cynthia Owen Seifert**, husband Eric, and their daughter, Arden, have packed up and moved again. This time they headed to Seattle, where Eric was to work for Expedia.com. Cynthia and Eric are expecting their second child in September. **Suzette McLoone** and **Patrick Lohmeyer** moved to Tirana, Albania, in April with their two kids and dog. They expected to be there for a year or two. **Zachary DeVore** and his wife, Jo Beth, were buying a house outside Richmond, Va., and also welcomed into the household a new beagle puppy named Buddy.

Robin Kozic is a reading specialist in New Jersey. Last summer, she traveled out West, visiting 10 national parks in 21 days – quite the camping adventure. In November, she ran in the New York City Marathon (her first and last!) and finished in 4:08. **Bridget Malone** was enjoying life back in the Hamptons on Long Island, N.Y., and working for the local weekly newspaper. **Tom "TJ" Johnson** has been teaching eighth grade science in Athens, Ga., for a year. He reported it was both a challenge and a joy. His wife, **Laura Indzeris Johnson '01**, is a program manager for a high tech marketing firm and is healthy and happy. Both Tom and Laura were looking forward to the wedding of **Matthew Bailey** and Christy Ann McBride in April on Virginia's beautiful Eastern Shore. **Jennifer Wilson** and her husband, **Christopher Watson '96**, enjoy living in the Fredericksburg area, being close to family and friends. Their oldest son, Aiden, 6, started kindergarten, and their youngest, Liam, 3, began pre-school. Chris continued to work as a project manager in the Richmond, Va., area, and was recently elected president of the Fredericksburg Area Habitat for Humanity. Jennifer was working part time with mentally handicapped adults while also being a busy stay-at-home mom. While volunteering for her 10th year in a row on Historic Fredericksburg Foundation's candlelight tour, she met up with **Cecelia Gibson Walls '98** and **Heather Payne Phillips '99**. Cecelia lives in Northern Virginia with her husband, Gene, and works for the American Association of Museums. Heather lives in the Raleigh, N.C., area with her husband, Martin, and was enjoying life at home with her 3-year-old son, Noah, and working as a commissioned artist.

Candace Turley Molumby and her husband, Don, were expecting their third child in mid-April. Their two girls, Barrie, 6, and Parker, 3, are excitedly awaiting their baby brother. **Jamie Simpson** and **Philip Stoneman '94** live in

Vienna, Va., with their two children, Katherine, 4, and Jacob, 1, and their cat, Trouble. Phil is a government contractor working in Alexandria, Va. Jamie is an assistant director for J. Spargo & Associates, a private meeting planning company based in Fairfax, Va. She enjoys planning medical meetings for as many as 3,000 attendees and traveling throughout the U.S. Between working full time and raising two kids, Jamie and Phil spend any spare hours on house projects and visiting friends and family. **Rachel Robinette** and **Jonathan Lewis '98** celebrated their 10th anniversary this year. They have six children and are living in Suffolk, Va. Jonathan has published his first book and is working on his second. Rachel went to medical school but is now a homeschooling, stay-at-home mom and loves it. Their youngest son, who is 3, was diagnosed with Type I diabetes, and the whole family is learning to adjust.

Stephanie O'Connor Shockley is finishing her master of divinity degree at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church. She was to be ordained to the transitional diaconate on May 16 at the Episcopal cathedral in Trenton, N.J., and expects to be ordained an Episcopal priest six to nine months later. Her husband, Dan, planned to graduate from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law on June 1. The couple is not sure where their next jobs will take them, but they are most likely leaving Manhattan, where they have been living happily for three years. In August, Stephanie and Dan vacationed in the Seattle area, where they had a wonderful time staying with **Colleen Minion Uuereb** and her husband, Mike. In January, Stephanie and Dan were thrilled to visit **Sarah Meyrowitz Meytin**, Rachel Meytin, their son, Coby, and new baby, Ruthie, at their home in Maryland. They also had a chance to see Colleen perform with her Sweet Adeline Chorus at Carnegie Hall in February. Colleen is looking forward to June when she finally graduates with an master of public administration degree from The Evergreen State College, in Olympia, Wash. Sarah was thrilled to have recently reconnected with **Dianna Rowell** and **Jennifer Rees Schulze** via Facebook and loves catching up with old Mary Washington friends!

Eric Gaffen and his wife, Erin, welcomed their second son, Joshua Maxwell, into the world on Jan. 8 at the healthy size of 9 lbs., 10 oz. Just three months later, Josh made it to his first Red Sox game at Fenway Park in Boston along with his big brother, Owen. Eric is exhausted but extremely happy! He is still amazed at Facebook and enjoyed beating **Maria Cole** and **Heather Baum Reynolds** in online games of Word Twist.

In December, I had the opportunity to catch up with **Christine Warden Gilley '96** while she was in Minneapolis on business. We hadn't seen each other in nearly a decade, and it was great talking about our old Framar House days. She is doing well and living in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband and children. Our class also has quite the presence on Facebook with more than 25 percent of us belonging to the Class of 1997 group. Come join us online, or drop me a note with your updates for the next issue.

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To start things off, **Matt LoFiego** wrote that he and his family celebrated their youngest son's third birthday Bob the Builder style. Jackson and his older brother, Lex, 4, were keeping Mike and his wife, Jessica, busy and on high alert for shenanigans. The LoFiegos live in Northern Virginia, and Matt is now in his 10th year with a lobbying firm in Alexandria, Va. He sees **Brian Leavitt** almost every day through carpool and at work, and he was looking forward to catching up with **Wes Heuvel** and **Kyle Courtney** this summer when Wes finally "gives up and joins the land of the married." And speaking of Wes, he wrote that he was to join the ranks of the married on June 5, 2009, at the Shipyard Marina in Hoboken, N.J., where he was to wed Alison Larkin. Along with Kyle and Matt L., **Matt Galeone** was to be in the wedding party. Wes was looking forward to catching up with friends **Sheila Elledge Courtney**, **Anne Mullins Aroneck**, **Stacie Tarbet**, **Ailie Byers**, **Lara Fedorov**, **Wendy Sulc**, **Amy Wachenfeld Egan**, **Abby Mitchell Pearce**, and **Christina Harakal Mitchell**, who were on the guest list. Wes and Alison planned to spend two weeks in Thailand before heading back to New Jersey to settle down.

Mike Paolino and his wife, Diane, were excited to announce the birth of their son, Finnegan "Finn" Michael, in January. Hannah, 2, was thrilled to be a big sister. Michael opened his own branch location of Edward Jones in October and was busy helping folks navigate through this challenging market. And there was lots more news in the Mary Washington legacy category – **Betsy Maldonado Sauer** and her husband, Bryan, welcomed daughter Adriana Michelle on March 1. **Alyson Andrews Ramsey** wrote that baby No. 3 was on the way! They weren't sure about the gender, but he or she is expected in late August/early September. Baby Ramsey will join big sisters Sarah and Claire. Former residents of Virginia Hall have apparently broken out of The Vault! **Dabney Boye Keith** and her husband were expecting their first child in May; **Katie Shea** was engaged to Craig Britton and expecting their first child in June; and **Alexis Kingham Fuge** and husband Dylan, who live in D.C., were expecting their first child in early September.

Adrien Snedeker Dickerson hit the road with husband Adam and friends **Todd Hamlin**, **Stefan Anderson**, and **Adam "Smitty" Smith '97** to celebrate **Josh Parker**'s wedding in Texas. Lots of barbecue was consumed on the journey. **Lauren Dwyer Lowther** and her husband, Brandon, live in Denver with their golden retriever, Ribs, and their latest addition, Paddy, a Bernese mountain dog. **Sean Tuffy** of Dublin, Ireland, wrote that he returned stateside for a brief visit to celebrate **Ashley Hicks**' wedding in Richmond, Va. **Michelle Ciarlo-Hayes**' photography has been exhibited in a number of venues in Philadelphia and New Jersey, with more exhibits to come in 2009. One of her images will be featured in the upcoming book *Paws for Charity*, which benefits breast cancer research. Due to balancing her artwork and raising her two boys, she was thinking she may consume more coffee than half the state of Pennsylvania! **Jen Carter** wrote that she planned to get married in July. She met her fiancé, Basil Tsimpris, last year in Richmond.

One of the many photographs by Michelle Ciarlo-Hayes '98 will be featured in an upcoming book that benefits breast cancer research.

In other news, Jen is in her third year of grad school, currently at Virginia Commonwealth University for a master's degree in social work. She plans to graduate from VCU and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond with a master of divinity next May. Jan ran into **Greg Hellman** at a coffee shop in Richmond. He told her he is working at VCU and that his girlfriend is in Jan's social work program. Small world! She also saw **Debby Conner Hartline** over the holidays. She and her husband, Derek, were married in October 2008.

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Kelly Turcic Bailey and her husband, Jonathan, are expecting a second baby in September. They continue to be very busy with Lily and are excited to expand the family! **Karen Graver** and **Nathan Baillie '02** were married in June 2008 at The Blue Rock Inn in Washington, Va. After a fun honeymoon in Hawaii, Karen moved to Williamsburg, Va., to be with Nate and to begin a job in the physics department at The College of William and Mary. Nate is finishing his doctorate in nuclear physics there. **Jessica Lynn Bergner** completed her goal of traveling to all seven continents last summer. She teaches sixth-grade math in Fairfax, Va., and planned to marry Arnaldo DaSilva in April. **Erinn Chorovich** was married last June to Bryan Dilday, a teacher in Chesterfield County, Va. **Kensey Geis Jones** and **Sarah Schmoyer** served as bridesmaids. The couple was expecting their first child in July. **Christina Dominguez** lives in Poquoson, Va., with her husband, Ashley. She is assistant director of the annual fund for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, where she works for **Carter Sonders '83**. Christina attended Carter's 25th Mary Washington reunion with her in May '08 and had the opportunity to meet some wonderful alumni.

Dan Goodwin has operated his own practice as a financial adviser since 2007. He has completed a life and health license, as well as two securities licenses. He recently was certified as a special care planner, providing planning for families with relatives and children who have special needs. He is married with three children – a 12-year-old daughter, an 11-year-old son, and a 7-month-old son. In his spare time, he enjoys archery, golf, fishing, and youth sports. **Erin Murray Gresham** and her husband, Dan, welcomed Matthew Daniel to their family on Christmas Eve. Erin and Dan were enjoying every minute with him. **Jennifer Hoffman-Ward** is engaged to David Huberman. Their wedding was planned for June 19, 2010, in Abington, Pa. Jennifer works as a women's health nurse practitioner in Philadelphia. **Jessica Landers Hopkins** relocated to Boston after finishing a master's degree in public policy at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., last summer. She is a trainer for a nonprofit educational organization – taking her turn to work while her husband, Mark, goes back to school at the Berklee College of Music. **Caroline Jarvis** has completed an MBA at Cass Business School in London, receiving a distinction on her dissertation. She was asked to speak on behalf of her class at graduation. For the past six months, she has been working for Kleinwort Benson Private Bank in London, where she was living. **Betsy O'Neill Larkin** received a master of arts degree in public humanities from Brown University in May and, right after graduation, accepted a job in international marketing for the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism. She married Pat Larkin in August in Stowe, Vt., and they live in Somerville, Mass.

Jessica Lynn Bergner '01 last summer completed her goal of traveling to all seven continents.

Teresa Joerger Mannix began a new job as the director of media relations for Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business in April. She and her husband, Mark, also adopted two kittens in October. **Danielle Matuch** reported that she is a new homeowner. She has done some renovations to her townhouse in Lawrenceville, N.J. She loves living four miles from Princeton and having a 10-minute ride to work, though she misses living 10 minutes from the beach. Danielle works at KSS architects in Princeton as an architect, and she was a professor during the summer at Princeton University for an architecture studio and urban planning course. She was working on research for a roundtable presentation for the American Association of Italian Studies, to be held in New York City in May. In preparation, she planned to return to Italy at the end of April to focus on the urban planning of the EUR section of Rome and *L'Eclisse*, a film by Michelangelo Antonioni. **Kacy Paide** runs a one-woman business called The Inspired Office. As an office organizing consultant, she makes order out of some of Washington's messiest offices. Most of her clients are creative business owners like herself. Kacy lives in Silver Spring, Md. **Joe** and **Kelli Kramer Petrick** were enjoying life in Jackson, Wyo., working at the Teton Science Schools, located just outside Grand Teton National Park. Kelli fully recovered from major back surgery last fall, and they were taking advantage of her good health with lots of skiing, hiking, and kayaking.

Wendy Ramirez lives in Washington, D.C., and works as a program manager at a civil rights organization after completing a master's degree in social work. **Matt** and **Ariel Hatfield Selwyn** celebrated their seventh anniversary in January. They have four children – ages 6, 4, 2, and 10 months. Ariel is home with the kids, and Matt works in Dahlgren, Va. **Amy Smith Sikes** is a married mother of two and living in Raleigh, N.C. She is a dental hygienist. **Nikki Langston Webb** was continuing to work as a chemist for the City of Chesapeake and living in Portsmouth, Va., with her husband of seven years, Hunter Webb III. They expected their first child, a girl, in April. **Jonathan** and **Erin Pickens Williams** recently purchased a home in Glen Allen, Va. Jonathan works in Richmond as the assistant executive director for Easter Associates, a full-service association management and government relations company. Erin is a dispute resolution specialist with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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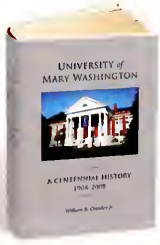

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Tony Lambiasi left Boca Raton, Fla., in June. On July 1, he was to begin hiking the Appalachian Trail. The 2,160-mile hike from Maine to Georgia will require an estimated six months to complete. Search Facebook for "Anthony Lambiasi"; Tony and other hikers welcome friend requests with offerings of trail advice.

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David Hodges and his wife, Nicole, welcomed a daughter, Meredith Elaine Hodges, into their lives on Oct. 14, 2008. Nicole planned to complete a master's degree in education at UMW this past spring. After spending last year in Cambodia, **Erin Printy** is now in Vietnam working with the University of North Carolina to manage a research project on rural drinking water and sanitation development.

Lisa Zaritsky Fabulich and her husband, Kevin, welcomed a baby boy, Dillon James, on Dec. 19, 2008. **Liz King Majeau** and her husband, Mark, moved back to Ottawa, Canada, last fall. Liz works as an economist for the Canadian Electricity Association. **Brian Graves** and **Emily Seay** were married on May 29 in Holden Beach, N.C. On Christmas Eve '08, **Meredith Lough** and **Ryan Mason** welcomed a son, Jack Liam, to their family. It is hard to believe Ryan is now a father.

2003

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After his appointment in 2006, **W.G. Shelton Jr.** was continuing to serve as Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine's executive director for the state Department of Fire Programs, which includes the Office of the State Fire Marshal. **Patrick** and **Robyn Porter Mauney** welcomed twin daughters, Elise and Nora, in October '08. Patrick and Robyn were adjusting to life as busy parents and continuing

to love living in Charlottesville, Va. **Rachel Long** was working as a medical billing specialist in Manassas, Va., and pursuing a master's degree in secondary education at George Mason University. **Jocelyn McNeill** married Shaun Campbell on Feb. 9. Jocelyn lives in Northern Virginia and is a real estate appraiser for Fairfax County. **Elizabeth Ricalde** and **Steven Woodhull** have been married since October 2005 and live in Connecticut. Liz is a legal intern, is in school part time, and was working toward a law degree this past May. Steve is a quality analyst and is also in school. He expects to earn an MBA in May 2010. Liz and Steve welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Thomas, on Dec. 13, 2008.

After working for Georgia Tech's biomedical engineering lab for two years, **Garett Seeba** began dental school at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. He graduated in May and began a six-year integrated oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at Louisiana State University in New Orleans. **Meredith Camp** is living in Virginia Beach and working on a master's degree in business and industry training at Old Dominion University. When she finishes in December, Meredith hopes to work as a trainer in the corporate or government sector. **Jordan Mathias** received a doctorate in chemistry in May from the University of Florida and was to start as an assistant professor of chemistry at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio. **Shauna Mahony** lives in Chicago and works for an options trading company. Since college, she has spent much of her time living in Japan and traveling in India and Nepal. Shauna practices Vipassana meditation and yoga.

Christine O'Leary graduated from St. George's School of Veterinary Medicine in Grenada on June 14. She recently became engaged to Jacob Speicher of Wabash, Ind., a fellow veterinary student. **Katherine Stevens** was working in the membership department for WAMC Northeast Public Radio. She is engaged to Michael DiMaio, a 2003 graduate of Siena College who teaches history in Bennington, Vt. Katherine and Mike are planning a May 2010 wedding in New York's Hudson Valley. **Crystal Small** is the head athletic trainer at Fort Valley State University, a Division II school in Fort Valley, Ga. **Heather Bishop Schilling** is a data analyst for CACI, a government contractor. She and her husband, **Matthew Schilling '05**, live in Gordonsville, Va., in their newly finished home. Through Heather's volunteer work at the local SPCA shelter, they are celebrating the newest addition to their family, a five-pound Chihuahua named Chloe.

Rebecca Griffith '03 spent two years volunteering with both AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps and WorldTeach in Tena, Ecuador.

Dana Allen and **Sean Walsh '02** have been married for nearly six years. They live in Boston, where Sean is a high school English teacher and drama director. This past spring, he completed a master of fine art degree in creative writing with a focus on young adult fiction. Dana has been the associate minister of a Lexington, Mass., church for three years with a focus on social justice, youth ministry, interfaith work, and pastoral care. Sean and Dana enjoy cooking and traveling together. This summer, they planned to backpack in Europe for a month. **Kellie Shanahan** and Kevin Bird were married on Sept. 6 in Alpine Lake, W.Va.; they live in Pasadena, Md. Kellie received a master of education degree in school counseling from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2006 and is an elementary school counselor in Anne Arundel County, Md. Kevin is a sergeant with the Army Reserve and was on active duty with a battalion based out of Fort Meade, Md. **Jessica Kwerel** received a master's degree in counseling in 2008 from the University of Wyoming. She has returned to the Washington, D.C., area, where she is a school counselor at the Aidan Montessori School and coaches crew part time. **Rebecca Romaneski** married Deric Sneller on June 7, 2008. They met while pursuing master's degrees at Denver Seminary; both graduated in December '08 and live in Alamosa, Colo., where they work at Living Water Bible Fellowship. Rebecca is the children's ministry director, and Deric is a pastoral intern. They plan to remain there for two years before Deric becomes an active-duty Army chaplain.

Christina Williams is a recruiter for Chenega Technology Services Corp. and lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, Dale, and their two dogs. **Stacy Rogers** earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Old Dominion University in May. **Paige Golden** graduated in May 2008 with a master's degree in reading and is working as a literacy coach in the New Haven, Conn., public school system. Paige became engaged to **Jay Dee Callahan '05** in July 2008. They are living in Connecticut and plan to be married in summer 2010. **Karolina Dembinska-Lemus** celebrated her "big three-O" in 2008 and traveled to Washington State and to Florida to visit friends. This year, she returned to teaching adults ESL and uses her free time to finish her doctoral dissertation research at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Karolina and her husband, Oscar, are hoping to adopt a baby and want to get the word out. Next year, they would love to tell friends that it was thanks to a fellow alumnus that they finally became parents! **Emily Grogg** lives in Colorado and is in law school at the University of Denver. **Diana Daly** was working at washingtonpost.com as a project manager and living in Washington, D.C. **Sarah Sedaghatfar**, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., received a master's degree in interior architecture from Pratt Institute in 2008. She is a project manager for an architectural firm in New York City. **Jessica Ratcliffe** was married in May 2008 and lives with her husband, Paul Laspino, in Ocean City, N.J. Jessica is in her third year working for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Atlantic and Cape May Counties as the community outreach and training coordinator.

Rebecca Griffith spent two of the last five years volunteering with both AmeriCorps and WorldTeach in Tena, Ecuador. These experiences helped Rebecca discover a passion for teaching. She has been teaching fourth grade with special emphasis on English language learners in Washington, D.C., public schools and is enrolled in a master's degree program at George Mason University in teaching English as a second language. Her goal was to finish the program by 2010 and teach in Madrid at the university level – and, of course, to enjoy the rich Spanish culture!

As for me, I am finishing a master's degree program in city and regional planning at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and have a May graduation date. I had the pleasure of returning to Fredericksburg for our five-year reunion in October and visiting with many old friends. I am so excited about being the 2003 Class Agent and look forward to hearing updates from my classmates!

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Nichole Pohler was engaged to be married to Anthony Alexander Tredon on June 6 in Winchester, Va. He proposed on the *Spirit of Washington* dinner cruise in Washington, D.C. **Carolyn Schranck** married Chris Theim on Nov. 15, 2008, in Rehoboth Beach, Del. Her sister, **Julia Schranck '09**, was the maid of honor. Carolyn works in marketing for WSFS Bank in Rehoboth Beach while her husband teaches at Delaware Tech Community College in Georgetown, Del. They recently moved to Wilmington, Del., where Carolyn will start working on an MBA in the fall.

Rachel Andrews became engaged to Zach Porter, who graduated from Denison University in '06. They live in Arlington, Va., and plan to marry in Fairfax in March 2010. **Dana Ferreira** was working for the Fairfax County (Va.) Police Department as an officer. He was in the academy, with graduation scheduled for April 13. **Danielle Somers** married **Ryan Zdanowicz '04** on Sept. 6, 2008. They reside in Long Island, N.Y.

Christine Brown and **Brad Johnson** were married on June 21, 2008, in Durham, N.C.,

Alumna **Found the Right Formula** in Job as Analytical Chemist

Next time you get relief from an over-the-counter remedy for congestion, think of **Trish Lauck '08**.

Trish Lauck '08 counts on chemistry she learned at Mary Washington to guide her work in quality control of medicines at Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals in Petersburg.

She is an analytical chemist at Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals in Petersburg, Va. As a member of the in-process control team, Lauck monitors the production of active ingredients of medicines, such as guaifenesin, found in Mucinex and other cough and cold remedies.

A chemistry major at UMW, Lauck learned on Monster.com that the German-based global pharmaceutical company had a production facility not far from her Chesterfield County, Va., home. She applied to the company, was hired, and soon found that what she learned at UMW came in handy.

"It's really cool," she said. "I'm doing the stuff I learned about in my chemistry classes at Mary Washington. It's the perfect job for a chemistry major."

When she first visited Mary Washingon, Lauck was captivated by the campus. She came to UMW as a "hard-core pre-med" and biology major, served as class president each of her four years, and soon found chemistry classes were the ones she enjoyed the most. With the encouragement of her professors, she switched majors.

Now, at Boehringer Ingelheim Chemicals, she is part of an operation that strives to deliver a flawless product. Her team is one of four that check and recheck for quality control.

"It's great to be in an environment where you're accountable for everything you do," Lauck said. She is also pleased to work for a company that strives to be a good neighbor globally. Among the ingredients she works with is one that helps prevent pregnant women infected with HIV from passing the virus to their fetuses. The company ships the product to Africa at cost, she added.

Lauck also likes her unorthodox work schedule at the site, which operates 365 days a year around the clock. She works three days on, three off. The hours are long and often intense, but the breaks can be turned into mini-vacations, she noted. And, it has given her the freedom to return to her lifelong love of singing. The one-time member of UMW's BellACappella now sings with the a cappella group Vocal Blur.

Lauck wasn't a part of student government in high school, but at Mary Washington she found it easy to get involved. As UMW class president and a member of the class council, Lauck helped plan the Mary Washington Centennial celebration. "It is the perfect school for someone who wants to make friends and get an amazing education. . . . People are so welcoming."

Academically, she quickly formed bonds with her professors. "I think it's the same with the entire faculty. Your professors talk to you after classes. They make sure you understand what is being taught. Class size allows for a close-knit environment – you're not sitting at the back of a room with 500 people."

In her work today at Boehringer Ingelheim, besides quality control, Lauck might someday combat heart problems. As a result of a summer internship, she co-authored a paper on a project to design molecules for an anti-coagulant. She is realistic, though, about what it takes to go from concept to releasing a new medicine. "That would be wonderful," she said, "but that takes forever. Maybe 10 years down the road."

– Randy Hallman

and now live in Alexandria, Va. Christine is a member of AAA's national public relations team, and Brad is a business manager for HP.

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Zack "Buttons" Ward and Francesca Capellini planned to be married on July 4 in Fredericksburg. They are both teachers in the area and were excited about the big day.

Linda Fairall is a marketing project associate at customink.com in McLean, Va., and has been working for the company since March 2007. In September, Linda bought a home in Old Town Alexandria with **Neil Stedman**. Linda and Neil also adopted a cat from the Alexandria Animal Welfare League and named him Bill. Neil recently became a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty in the Old Town Alexandria office, specializing in the Northern Virginia market. He planned to get his D.C. license soon as well. In October, Neil ran in the Marine Corps Marathon for the American Cancer Society team in memory of his parents, both of whom lost their battles with cancer in the past two years.

Brittany Shankle Kerlin is in Denver, Colo., where she works for the Father Woody Commitment Program at Regis University. She helps freshmen transition and complete the service requirements for the program through work with the homeless and underprivileged. She was married on Jan. 24, 2009, to Joey Kerlin, whom she has been with since junior year at UMW. They are expecting their first child around Oct. 28.

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Alyssa Lee is interning with the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, D.C. **Trish Lauck** is a chemist at BI Chemicals. **Abigail Steele** was accepted to the Art Institute of Philadelphia. She planned to start its baking and pastry diploma program in April. **Anna Langley** and **Philip Newton '07** are living in Alexandria. She teaches world history and AP European history at North Point High School in Waldorf, Md. They were planning to travel to Europe this summer.

Catherine Spoehr and **David Baker** planned to marry at the Fort Belvoir Chapel on May 23. She is pursuing a master of urban planning degree at Virginia Tech's Alexandria location, and David works for the Northern Virginia Technology Council. **Colleen Earp** is working on a master's degree in geography at Rutgers University. **Daniel Punaro** worked on the congressional campaign from July to November 2008. He is currently working for Congressman Gerald E. Connolly, representative for Virginia's 11th district. **Edward Thornton** is assistant track coach and school archivist at St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, N.J. In the 2009-10 school year, he will teach a program for seventh- and eighth-grade students who are economically disadvantaged. The program is designed to help these students succeed in rigorous curricula, enter mainstream activities in school, and increase their opportunities to enroll in four-year colleges.

Heather Decot was to begin a post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award position at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., in mid-June. She planned to work in the clinical brain disorders branch under Dr. Jose Apud, clinical director of the schizophrenia research program. **Kerry Gavaghan** is pursuing a master of studies degree in the history of art at Oxford University in the United Kingdom and planned to finish in June. **Laura Boyette** was living in Quito, Ecuador, and teaching English at a university. **Laura Ryerse McCorry** was married in July 2008 to Ensign

Gavin McCorry. They had been stationed in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Pensacola, Fla., and are currently in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Stan Kennedy was working for Wachovia as a teller in Midlothian, Va. **Yesica Nunez** was working for Alexandria (Va.) Public Schools as an autism resource teacher at Hammond Middle School. Her daughter was born last year, and Yesica was thoroughly enjoying being a mom. Additionally, she will also graduate in December with a master's degree in special education from George Mason University.

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In Memoriam

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H. Stewart Jones '36
Marian Whitmore Farmer '37
Sarah Lanford Yancey Thomas '37
Margaret Clark Tiffany '39
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Winifred Hudson Hodgson '40
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Mildred Donaldson Rolander '41, who lost her sister
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Helen Miller Wilson '44, who lost her husband
Patricia Head Ferguson '50, who lost her husband
Eloise Clark '51, who lost her sister
Nancy Lockhart '56, who lost her husband
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Emmaneta Subers '57, who lost her husband
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Joan Cuccias Patton '66, who lost her husband
Betsy Maxey Combs '73, who lost her mother
Kimberly Barlow Hoffman '78, who lost her husband
Lisa Bratton Soltis '79, who lost her mother
Carol S. Ward '03, who lost her father
James D. Greevy '10, who lost his mother

In Remembrance

James B. Gouger

James Blaine Gouger III, professor emeritus of geography, died Jan. 23, 2009, at Hospice Haven, North Florida Regional Center in Gainesville, Fla. He was 66.

Marshall Bowen, distinguished professor emeritus of geography, wrote this tribute to his former colleague for UMW's spring 2009 geography newsletter.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Dr. James B. Gouger, former Chair of the Department of Geography.

Jim was born in 1942 in Franklin, New Jersey, and received his undergraduate degree from Montclair State College there. He attended the University of Florida, where he was awarded the master's and doctoral degrees in geography. His master's thesis analyzed agricultural development in the Stann Creek area of British Honduras, which is now called Belize. His doctoral dissertation focused on changing land use patterns in Virginia's Northern Neck.

Jim joined the Mary Washington faculty in1969 and retired in 1997. During this time he introduced courses in cartography, air photo interpretation, and the history of geographic thought, and he expanded the department's Latin America offerings. He was instrumental in organizing a chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the geography honorary society, and was its advisor for many years. Jim also began the tradition of taking Mary Washington geography majors to the annual meetings of the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers. He encouraged their participation in the meetings' numerous activities, including the World Geography Bowl.

Jim Gouger left an enduring mark on the Department of Geography. He touched the lives of the hundreds of students who knew him in the classroom, in the cartography lab, and in social settings. He will be remembered with affection.

H. Stewart Jones

Helen Stewart Jones '36, a dedicated educator and recipient of the Mary Washington 1991 Distinguished Alumnus Award, died April 7, 2009. She was 94 years old.

The Stafford County native earned a master's degree from the George Washington University and a doctorate in education from American University. She taught in Gloucester County, Emporia, and Alexandria, Va., before serving as director of guidance at Stafford High School, where she remained until her retirement in 1980.

Dr. Jones was a staunch supporter of historic preservation and was a founding member of the Stafford County Historical Society. In 2001, the society named her as one of its "Keepers of Knowledge." She was active in Citizens to Serve Stafford, the Northern Neck Historical Society, the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites, the Wilderness Society, and the Fredericksburg Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Virginia.

Dr. Jones was a devoted member of Hartwood Presbyterian Church; through her efforts, the building is listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. Her efforts also saved a historic barn near the church in Stafford County, on the Hartwood Elementary School property. According to her obituary in *The Free Lance-Star*, "The Little Red Barn" was moved, at Dr. Jones' expense, "to her land and remains there today to commemorate the agricultural heritage of the region."

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NEW MEASURE

By Claudia Emerson
Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and UMW English professor

On the occasion of Dr. Judy G. Hample's inauguration as the President of the University of Mary Washington

We break ground for seed – crops, gardens, a grave,
a dam, a bridge, a structure begun with setting
a cornerstone engraved with the date of a day
that passed as this one does, the course of the sun
the same. Our full desire for what will not pass,
we name even mountains and rivers
for ourselves, buildings for those mostly forgotten
except as place, a room, a door keyed
by a name. But even as we walk without question
the brick pathways prescribed and laid for us,
we are overcome with an equally full
and opposite appetite for change.
The quarry
where the stone came from is still and deep,
filled now with clearer water as though from
some ancient source, old rains the river
has long forgotten, rain risen currentless
as the stone it has replaced. People grew old
in the deepening, while, in this city
downriver, street curbs, gravestones, the courthouse yard,
cemetery walls, and schools rose – and with them
this school founded first for women, its origins
both small and radical.
Today, let us
celebrate what we gather to make new –
all that does not stay and will not be kept –
turning ground for something else, then,
the intangible, unmeasurable real
measure of this place our finest keeping.

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